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BLAZE AT REPULSE BAY.

FULLY FIFTY MATSHEDS DESTROYED.

OUTBREAK BELIEVED DUE TO A COOKING-FIRE.

BRIGADE'S PROMPT WORK.

A disastrous fire at Repulse Bay this morning destroyed fully half the matsheds there, and the loss is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$16,000, as besides about fifty sheds being gutted, practically all the furniture contained therein was also destroyed.

The blaze is believed to have originated in a matshed which was undergoing repairs, following damage in the recent typhoon, it being alleged that the workmen employed were cooking some food, and that the fire reached the nearby matting.

A resident of the hotel observed the flames shortly after nine o'clock, and summoned the Brigade. Two engines and the motor-cycle pumping attachment were sent out, and found nearly half the sheds involved. The flames were prevented from spreading farther, and about an hour later there was nothing left to be done but to keep playing a hose on the smouldering debris.

A number of owners of sheds went out to Repulse Bay when they heard of the fire, and some found they had suffered a double loss, as structures newly-erected after the typhoon had been burned. The public matsheds are among those saved.

OWNERS LOSE ALL FURNISHINGS.

Following the destruction of a large number of bathing matsheds at Repulse Bay, in the recent typhoon, owners of these sheds have suffered another blow in the entire loss of about fifty in a fire this morning.

There is nothing left now of a double row of sheds, extending for a distance of about 75 yards, except the charred remains of beams and posts, and derelict crockery and metal utensils.

The first intimation of something being wrong was the appearance of flames and smoke at the far end of the rows of sheds, furthest away from the hotel. A resident immediately telephoned to the Fire Brigade, who received the call, at the Central Fire Station, at 9.43, and two machines were sent to Repulse Bay under Fire-Officer W. M. Smith. The new motor-cycle fire pump was also sent with Fire-Officer Woodland and Mr. E. F. Brown, the mechanical engineer in charge. They found about twenty-five sheds alight, and a similar number already gutted.

Only three matsheds caught fire after the Brigade arrived, and in about an hour the flames were extinguished. The Fire Brigade did very smart work in saving the remainder of the sheds, for the fire had spread rapidly and at one time it seemed certain that the whole range of sheds would be destroyed. The two machines returned to headquarters about 11 o'clock, leaving the motor-cycle pump still at Repulse Bay. However, owing to some sand and small shells getting into the suction pipe, which was taking in sea-water, the pump became choked for a time. By then, there was no need to do otherwise than play a hose on the smouldering ruins.

Half the Sheds Gutted. A Telegraph representative arrived on the scene just as the blaze had been got in hand. By then fully fifty sheds had been entirely destroyed, which means that quite half the total number were involved. The charred ruins extend from the small stream which runs through the matsheds from the road to the beach, with No. 39 standing just at the edge, right along to the far end of the beach, near where No. 65 used to be, with only three sheds at that end spared. As all the sheds on the hotel side of the little stream have escaped destruction, the public matsheds are also intact.

For owners of the destroyed structures, however, it means a big loss, as nothing was salvaged from those which were involved. All cupboards, chairs, and odds yesterday, the previous erection and ends of furniture or bathing having been destroyed in the gear kept in these sheds has been burned to cinders. The area involved comprised a structure a heap of blackened redoubled row of sheds, and here and mains.

Taking the average cost of erecting a matshed as \$300, it will be seen that the loss is considerable, working out at about \$15,000. To this sum will have to be added the loss of furniture and so forth, probably at least another \$1,000.

As has been pointed out, to a number of owners the loss came as a double one within a few weeks. One gentleman who had just paid for a new matshed last year, the previous erection and ends of furniture or bathing having been destroyed in the gear kept in these sheds has been burned to cinders. The area involved comprised a structure a heap of blackened redoubled row of sheds, and here and mains.

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FLIERS MISSING.

NO NEWS OF THE CANADIANS.

ANXIOUS LONDON CROWD.

London, Sept. 8. Anxious crowds waited at Croydon this afternoon for Tully and Medcalf, who set off from London, Ontario, on a non-stop flight to London.

They were due at noon, but no news of them has been received since they left Newfoundland.

Their aeroplane, the "Sir John Carling," is not equipped with wireless. The weather conditions over South Ireland are unfavourable. There was heavy rain all night long, and it continued today, with mist.—*Reuter.*

Grave Anxiety.

London, Sept. 8. Following the virtual abandonment of hope for news of the "Old Glory," grave anxiety is felt for the safety of Captain Tully and Lieutenant Medcalf, who left Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, for London, yesterday, and have not since been heard of.

Unless carried out of its course by strong winds, the "Sir John Carling," as their machine is named, should, if all went well, have reached Croydon Aerodrome by two o'clock this afternoon.

Hours before that, it might reasonably be expected to have been seen flying over Ireland, or to have been reported by steamships off the western coast of Ireland.—*British Wireless.*

London, later. There is still no news of Tully and Medcalf.—*Reuter.*

THE "OLD GLORY."

Mr. Hearst Offers Reward.

New York, Sept. 8.

Mr. Hearst, the newspaper proprietor, who is the owner of "Old Glory" has issued a statement that he had done his best to prevent flight and had urged Payne not to start unless the Government assumed responsibility for the venture.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, later.

Mr. Hearst, the owner of the "Old Glory" flight from the United States to Italy, has offered a reward of \$25,000 for the discovery of the aeroplane, of which no trace has yet been found.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NO PREVENTION?

Somebody Must Do It.

London, Sept. 8.

Sir Sefton Brancker interviewed at Liverpool in reference to the talk of prohibiting trans-ocean flights, said that the flight from east to west had got to be done and that it was impossible to prevent a man from attempting to fly across the Atlantic any more than preventing him from attacking Mount Everest.—*Reuter.*

Australian Decision.

Melbourne, Sept. 8.

The Commonwealth Government has decided to take immediate action to prevent unsuitable machines from attempting long overseas flights. No aircraft except seaplanes and flyingboats or amphibians will be permitted in future for flights over fifty miles from coast to coast. Mr. Bruce said that the Ministry was anxious for an Australian pilot to accomplish the first flight between Australia and New Zealand, and would render the utmost technical assistance to anyone attempting that flight in an efficient seagoing machine.—*Reuter.*

London, Sept. 8.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, the Director of Civil Aviation, made a spirited reply this afternoon to suggestions that have been made that a non-stop North Atlantic flight from east to west is impracticable.

He said, "The flight from east to west has to be done, and it is idle to talk of prohibiting the attempt. You can no more stop a man than you can prevent him from attacking Mount Everest. I could have put my money on Minchin in the 'Saint Raphael' getting across safely."—*British Wireless.*

NON-AGGRESSION PACTS.

SUGGESTIONS BY POLAND AND FINLAND.

BRITAIN'S POSITION.

Geneva, Sept. 8.

The question of Non-Aggression Pacts, which was raised by Poland in the League of Nations, has now been put on the agenda paper in the form of an amended proposal which has been handed to the heads of the Locarno Powers' delegations.

The Polish proposal declares "that all wars of aggression will remain prohibited by this Assembly and declares that members of the League are under an obligation to conform to this principle. Consequently, the Assembly calls on members of the League to proceed to the conclusion of non-aggression pacts, inspired by the idea that all pacific means ought to be employed for the settlement of differences, of whatsoever nature that may arise between them."—*Reuter.*

Valuable Suggestion.

Later.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has issued a statement as regards the Finnish proposal for pooling the League funds to give financial assistance for the victims of aggression. He declared that he welcomed the proposal but the acceptance of such a scheme would involve heavy commitments. The British Government would require special powers from Parliament and could not ask or expect such powers to be granted unless Britain obtained some compensation for her financial effort, such as a reduction of armaments. While the scheme was a valuable contribution to the general question of disarmament, they must reserve a decision until they saw the final outcome of the Disarmament Conference and the extent to which the Finnish scheme commands the general support of members of the League.—*Reuter.*

FOOTBALL COMPETITION RESULT.

\$25 WON BY CAMERONIAN RIFLEMAN.

MANY ENTRIES RECEIVED.

The first week of the Telegraph football competition proved to be a great success, many hundreds of coupons being sent in.

The prize of \$25 has been won by

Rifleman A. Farfort, 1st. Cameronians, Rope Factory, Hongkong.

who sent in a coupon with ten correct forecasts, and if he will call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize money.

There were 11 coupons with nine correct results, and 30 coupons with eight accurate forecasts. In some instances, claims were made for more correct forecasts than were sent in on any one coupon and we would ask competitors to keep a careful check and claim accurately, so as to avoid any misunderstanding.

Owing to the use of an early and apparently inaccurate fixture list we gave one match as Newport v. Brighton, instead of Newport v. Watford, and, of course, that reduced the coupon to one of eleven matches. We have now received the official fixture lists and every care will be taken to avoid errors in future.

THE C.N.C. SETTLEMENT.

ALL OFFICERS REPORT FOR DUTY.

We learn that all the officers and engineers of the China Navigation Company, lately on strike, reported for duty this morning in accordance with the terms of settlement and that the Company's steamers are again fully manned.

It will, of course, take some time to get the service in full working order, but schedules of sailings are now being compiled.

NO COMMUNISM.

BRITISH LABOUR'S DECISION.

A BREAK WITH RUSSIA.

London, Sept. 8.

By a majority of nearly two million votes, the Trade Union Congress at Edinburgh to-day decided to break off negotiations with the Russian trade unions.

A card vote on the General Council's recommendation to this effect was 2,551,000 for, and 620,000 against.

There was some very plain speaking by Labour leaders about this and the methods of the Russians.

Mr. Citrine, the Secretary of the Congress, presenting the General Council's recommendation said it was impossible to carry on negotiations with the Russians with a view to an agreement between British and Russian trade unions. "The whole trouble is that the Russians have a different conception of the functions of the Labour movement from that which we have in this country. Our idea is that of a constitutional movement. We thought contact would remove our differences, but we now find these differences are very much deeper than appears on the surface. The Russians' whole idea of the movement is that it must be revolutionary in the sense of the Russian revolution. Their idea is that the Labour movement is to be played on the stage of Moscow, and that all other Labour organisations are merely spectators, in the auditorium. They seek to compel us to adopt their methods and their principles. They expect to differ from their inmost councils. In view of the persistent attacks made upon them, the General Council have hitherto exhibited a tolerance which has been an example to the world. The General Council is unanimous in making the recommendation. There was not one dissentient voice."

"Preterence" to End.

Mr. J. R. Clynes said the one element of surprise was that their decision had come so late. After the dictatorial and offensive language of the Russians, it was impossible to proceed with the negotiations. "Let us no longer pursue a pretence of unity which does not exist," he concluded.

Mr. Cramp, of the National Union of Railwaymen, said his union had decided not to support the General Council's recommendation, but he himself sympathised with the General Council because of the insult they had received from the Russians. He recognised how much humiliation the General Council had suffered in carrying on the negotiations. His difficulty was that a break with the Moscow Labourites would be interpreted as support of the Conservative Government.

No Communism Wanted.

Mr. Bromley, leader of the Union of Locomotive Engineers, pointed out that trade unionism in Russia was a compulsory appendage to Communism, and therefore different from British unionism. He must support the General Council. Mr. J. H. Thomas, leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, repeated that the General Council were unanimous in their recommendation. Mr. Cramp, his colleague in the National Union of Railwaymen, had only supported the view of his particular delegation out of loyalty to that delegation. Mr. Thomas said he was prepared to ballot the Railwaymen's Union on the question, and to abide by the result. He mentioned that six months ago the General Council of the Trade Union Congress had been on the verge of a break with Russia.

Mr. Thomas added, "I am not concerned with attacks upon myself, but when the Russians publish to the world a lying statement that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald shammed illness, and went to America to escape taking part in the discussion on the Trade Union Bill, I say such conduct is mean and contemptible. You would not tolerate such in your own union."—*British Wireless.*

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INDIAN FINANCIAL AUTONOMY.

ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FREEDOM FAILS.

SWARAJISTS ANGERED.

Simla, Sept. 8.

In consequence of the difficulty of reconciling the difference which arose in the Assembly, Sir Basil Blackett had decided to drop the Reserve Bank Bill, which contemplated the establishment of a State Bank with a directorate including representatives of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Indian Chambers, also Provincial Co-operative Banks.—*Reuter.*

Sir Basil Blackett's announcement of the decision to drop the Reserve Bank Bill, owing to the inability of the members to agree on a question of the directorate, surprised the House.

Sir Basil was bombarded with questions, as to whether this was by order of the Secretary of State, and whether he means merely to postpone the Bill or to drop it. He declined any further statement.

Mr. Srinivasa Ayyangar then strongly protested against the manner in which they had been treated, and declared that they had tried to co-operate with the Government, but the Government was trifling with the liberties of the House. It was impossible to work with a Government acting in this manner.

The Swarajists then walked out of the chamber, and the House adjourned.

Indian political circles here declare that the Secretary of State rejected Sir Basil Blackett's last amendment of the Bill, and consequently the Government was compelled to withdraw the Bill.

All the Indian members praise Sir Basil's tenacity in an effort to secure financial autonomy for India, free from the control of Whitehall.—*Reuter.*

TENSE SWATOW SITUATION.

GARRISON COMMANDER RESIGNS.

Canton, Sept. 9.

Advices from Swatow state that the Mui-Yuen and Chiu Chow districts were taken on the 6th inst. by the Peasant Corps who are in alliance with Generals Yip Ting and Ho Lung. The situation in Swatow is tense, as General Ho Chupung, the garrison commander, declares that he has already resigned and will not be responsible for the peace and order of the city.

General Wong Chun who is appointed from Nanking to succeed Ho Chupung has not yet assumed duty.

Altogether 13,000 troops have been sent from Canton to Swatow and the East River districts. In military circles, there appears a doubt as to whether these forces will arrive there in time to cope with the enemies. The political director of General Yip's army, is said to have sent out a large group of political agents to stir up the farmers and workers.

BANDITS ATTACK AMERICANS.

BELETED REPORT FROM YUNNAN.

Rangoon, Sept. 8.

A message from Yunnan states that two American families, named respectively Duncan and McLeod, who left Batang on June 27 for Burma overland, were attacked by bandits in the neighbourhood of Atuntse, in Yunnan. The bandits opened fire and drove off the party's escorts, and then robbed the Duncans of everything except their clothes. The heroism of the McLeods' servants saved their hut and some articles. Nobody was wounded, but a native servant was beaten.

A French Catholic priest and a Chinese merchant firm subsequently helped the party at Atuntse.—*Reuter.*

WORLD FLIERS.

DUE HERE FROM HANOI TO-DAY.

ANXIOUS WAITING AT KAI TACK AERODROME.

PLANE AS PILOT.

At the time of writing (1.30 p.m.) the Colony was on the tip-toe of expectancy awaiting the arrival of the round-the-world fliers Messrs. Schlee and Brock in their new famous aeroplane "The Pride of Detroit."

Excepting for a brief message received here yesterday at 11.15 a.m. stating that the fliers had hopped off from Rangoon for Bangkok, nothing further had been heard up to late this morning. It was expected that word would have been received from Bangkok, but nothing came to hand, and, even up till 11 o'clock to-day there was much mystery as to the whereabouts of the aviators. It had been thought possible that they had flown straight on to Hanoi, in Indo-China, making the long flight from Rangoon yesterday and leaving only the Hanoi-Hongkong flight to be accomplished to-day.

At Hanoi.

And a telegram which was received here by the American Consulate just before noon to-day confirmed that latter supposition. The telegram was from Hanoi and it stated briefly "Pride of Detroit left here 7 a.m. due Hongkong 12 noon." This makes it definite that the fliers reached Hanoi yesterday afternoon and spent the night in the capital of Indo-China.

So soon as the above news was known here this morning, there was a general move among those concerned for the Kai Tack aerodrome, Kowloon City, at which spot the fliers were due to land. Members of the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, which Company is supplying the fuel for the flight, members of the American Consulate staff and a number of pressmen went over to Kai Tack, where the Royal Air Force had given permission for the landing to be made and where members of that Force were standing by in readiness to render all assistance possible.

The weather conditions should have been quite favourable from here down to Hanoi, but it was thought that the allowance of five hours made for in the telegram received was rather on the optimistic side and that the plane would not be here much before 2 o'clock.

R. A. F. Plane Goes Out.

Our representative, telephoning from the Kai Tack aerodrome, at 2 p.m., reported that although there had been a large party waiting for some two hours, there was no sign of the expected machine. Soon after 1 o'clock, a R.A.F. machine went up with the intention of meeting the "Pride of Detroit" to the south of Hongkong and piloting her to the landing ground. This pilot machine had also not returned.

At 2.30 there were still no signs of the aviators.

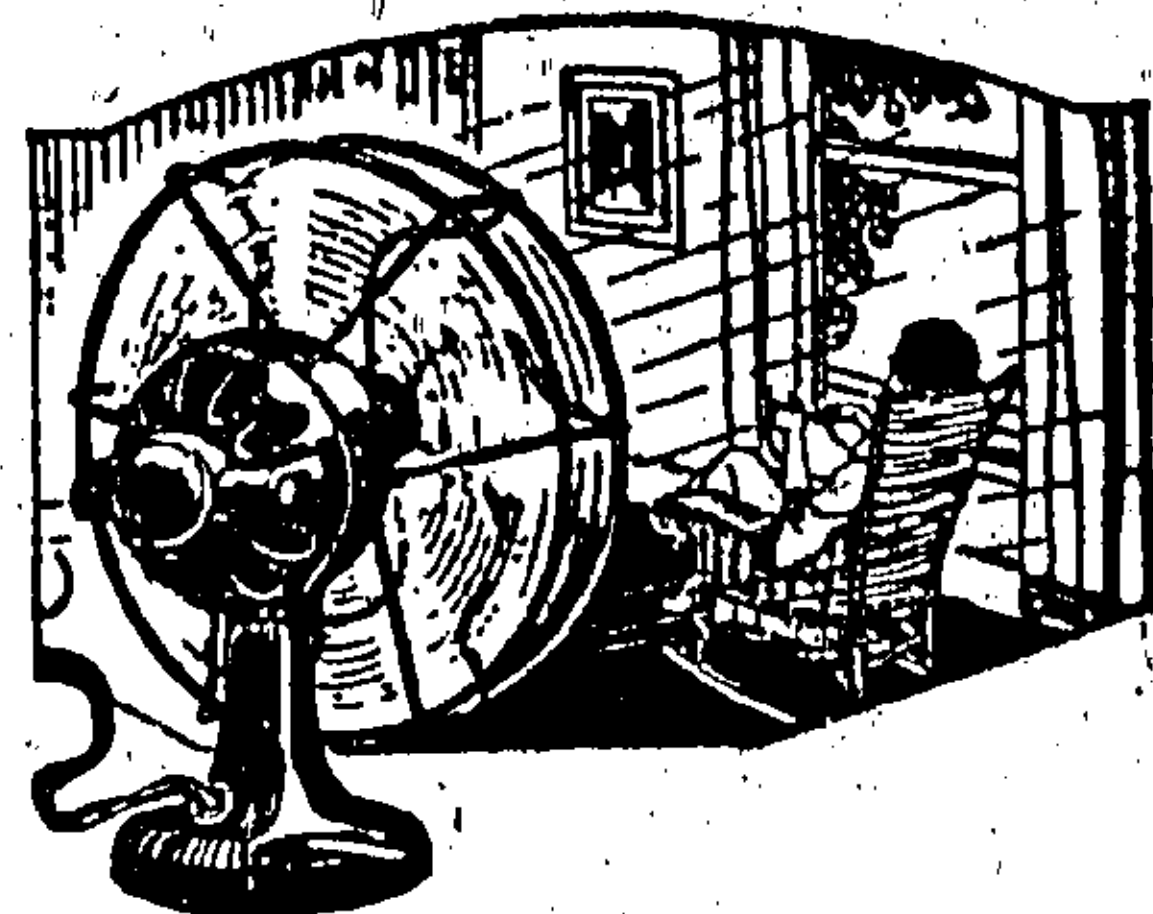
STOP PRESS.

Fliers Arrive.

The "Pride of Detroit" arrived at Kai Tack at 3.30 p.m. making a good landing.

The Flight So Far.

The two American aviators Messrs. Brock and Schlee, set out from Newfoundland on August 23 with the intention of encircling the globe in twenty-two days. The spectacular flight across the Atlantic to Croydon was made in less than twenty-four hours, and after a short rest they proceeded to Munich and then on to Belgrade, where they arrived on the 30th. Two valuable days were wasted at Constantinople, where the Turkish authorities insisted on certain formalities being completed, but September 2 found them on the way to Bagdad and on the 4th they reached Allahabad, where at Calcutta on the 6th, and reached Rangoon on the 7th. Yesterday they reached Hanoi and to-day were due here. Should they succeed, they will have covered over 11,000 miles in thirteen days.



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CANTON'S WAR.

EXPEDITION BEING SENT TO
SWATOW.

Canton, Sept. 8.
In view of the military situation in Eastern Kwangtung, where the "Reds" under Yeh Ting and Ho Lung are threatening to take Swatow, General Li Chai-sum has decided to send an expedition eastward. General Chan Chai-tong has been appointed field-marshal of the eastern expedition the destination of which is Swatow. It appears that although General Li Chai-sum is not anxious to rescue Swatow, which is still under Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's indirect control, he does not like the eastern Kwangtung capital to fall into the hands of Yeh Ting and Ho Lung. The present Swatow defender, General Ho Chi-wuh, a brother of General Ho Ying-ching, is prepared to evacuate from Eastern Kwangtung and retreat to Fuchien. Thus the fall of Swatow into the hands of Yeh Ting and Ho Lung is expected at any moment but whether these two generals can hold out the eastern capital is quite questionable.

The troops of General Chang Kai-shek who recently drove Yeh Ting and Ho Lung out from Nanchang have continued the pursuit and latest information from the northern Kwangtung border indicates that Chang's men have arrived at Nanyang. These troops will advance rapidly toward the coast and they may proceed directly to attack Yeh and Ho's troops now threatening Swatow.

**RUSO-PERSIAN TRADE
AGREEMENT.**

MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVE
OUTLINES NEW PLANS.

Moscow, Sept. 8.
M. Davtian, the new Russian representative to Persia, in an interview, outlines the scope of the imminent Soviet-Persian Trade agreement which permits the free importation of Persian goods into Russia, and grants Persian merchants the right to direct trade operations in Soviet territory, also to import and export goods within a certain quota without a special license.

Next year's quota of Persian imports is fixed at 50,000,000 roubles. —Reuter.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

REVISION OF TREATIES TO BE
DISCUSSED.

Shanghai, Sept. 8.
In an interview with Wang Yam-tai, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yoshizawa proposed to exchange views about the revision of treaties. The Japanese Minister suggests the discussion of treaties concerning navigation first and to reserve the problem of most favoured treatment question till later time. It was decided that a meeting would be held shortly in order to resume the Sino-Japanese negotiations when all important problems will be discussed at a technical conference. —Wah Kiu Yat Po.

BELGIAN BANKER.

A CONFERENCE IN
NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 8.
M. Louis Franck, Governor of the National Bank of Belgium, has arrived to confer with members of the Federal Reserve Bank. —Reuter's American Service.

CHAIWAN MURDER.

BOTH ACCUSED/MAKE LONG
STATEMENTS.

Although it was originally intended that the preliminary trial of the two men accused of the murder of Mrs. Mackay should end yesterday, the fact that one of the defendants expressed a desire to call a witness at the last moment necessitated a further adjournment. The hearing will be continued at noon to-day.

At yesterday's sitting the case for the prosecution was completed. The Magistrate duly warned the two men and asked them if they had anything to say. Both defendants made lengthy statements and recounted their movements in detail on the day of the murder and on the day following in order to establish an alibi.

The first defendant's statement was as follows: "When the police arrested me in Kam Wah Street I was not told why I was being arrested. I asked them and they would not give me any reply. I tried to make a statement but they would not allow me to speak. They started to search me with the aid of an electric torch. They said that my trousers bore traces of blood and I explained that the stains on the left leg of my trousers were fish blood. They also pointed out two spots on the right leg and I told them that these stains were the result of scratching myself.

"I was employed on a fishing boat and at the time of my arrest I was still in employment. I know nothing of the murder at Chaiwan. At the time of the murder on August 6, I was playing tin kau (dominoes) in a house in Kam Wah Street. The game lasted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Shortly after 8 p.m. the second defendant came and invited me to go out with him to have tea. We finished tea sometime after 9 p.m. and I went on board a boat to sleep. There. The boat on which I was employed had sailed away in the meantime.

A Witness.

Mr. Lindsell: "Do you wish to call any witness?"

First defendant: "I want to call Ip Yee-lee to say that I was playing tin kau on the night of the sixth."

Mr. Lindsell: "That is important. Do you want him called in this court—even if he says you were playing tin kau I shall still commit you—or do you wish to call him at the Criminal Sessions?"

Defendant: "I want him to be called here. I do not know his address but he lives in Kam Wah Street and his son is a seaman."

Mr. Lindsell, to the Police: "Try and locate this man, and if possible bring him here to-morrow. If he cannot be produced then try and produce him at the sessions."

The second defendant then made his statement. He said: "I worked on a fishing boat and on the fifth moon this year we sailed for Sam Moon. We did not reach there, for we were pirated on the way, when we were near Koh Chow. I was then paid off and in the sixth moon I proceeded to Au Tau (Chinese Territory) and joined a small fishing junk. I worked on that boat a little over a month, when it was sold. I made my way back to Shaukiwan in August, arriving there on the fourth in a small fishing boat from Au Tau.

News of the Murder.

That afternoon I saw the fishing boat, on which the first defendant was employed coming in. I spent that night with the first defendant on his boat and the next morning we had breakfast together and went ashore. The boat sailed away shortly afterwards and since then I have spent most of my time in Saiwanho

DYNAMITE PIRACY.

FOKI MURDERED AND
THROWN OVERBOARD.

A report was made to the Police at Shaukiwan last evening by the master of the fishing boat No. 2556H.W. to the effect that his vessel had been pirated in Chinese waters and a foki murdered, the pirates making away with booty to the extent of approximately \$144.

The master states that his boat left Ping Hoi at 4 p.m. on September 7, with a crew of seven males, five females and three children. At 4 a.m. on the following morning, September 8, when off Kau Tau, they were approached by a Hok Lo junk, which, when 30 yards away, opened fire with rifles and ordered them to stop. A new method of attack was adopted by the pirates, who threw three sticks of dynamite on board, two of which exploded on the junk's deck.

Lo Yau-hi, the master, then took refuge in the fish hold and whilst there, heard the pirates searching the ship and also the firing of one shot. The pirates remained on board for about four hours, after which he emerged from his concealment.

From the members of the crew he learned that the boarders numbered seven and were all armed with rifles. They had ransacked the junk and taken jewellery, clothing and money to the extent of approximately \$144. They had enquired for the master, but none of the crew admitted knowing where he was. Ah Hi, a foki, was then seized, but denied being the master, after which the pirates shot him dead and threw his body overboard.

When the pirates had sailed away in the direction of Kau Tau, the junk made immediate sail for Hongkong, without reporting to Chinese authorities and arriving here at 5 p.m. yesterday, made the report of which the above is the substance.

with a "sworn brother" of mine on his boat.

On August 6 I went ashore from my clansman's boat at 4 p.m. My "sworn brother" said he was going to Yau-mat, and having finished my meal I spent my time at Saiwanho. At 7 o'clock I went to Shaukiwan to Kam Wah Street where I saw first defendant playing cards. I watched his game until 8 p.m. or so, and then I asked him to tea. We went out from Kam Wah Street together and on the way to the tea-house we met a friend, who, at my invitation, joined us at tea. I then learned from this friend that a murder had been committed at Chaiwan. I told him that I knew nothing about it.

After leaving the tea-house, the first defendant and myself met a man named Tsang Ho, who told us that the junk in which he worked had just come in and asked us to spend the night there. Tsang told us that the master of the junk would not be on board during the night. We accepted his offer and slept on the junk that night. We had breakfast on this junk, after which I went to Saiwanho whilst the first defendant went to play cards at Kam Wah Street. At noon I rejoined the first defendant in Shaukiwan in Kam Wah Street. We left the game of tin kau at 4 o'clock and on emerging from the house we met Tsang Ho, who asked us to his junk to supper. While we ate Tsang Ho looked on.

After our supper we returned to Kam Wah street for some more tin kau and at 7 o'clock the police arrested us. They looked at my jacket and then dragged me along. I asked them why they arrested me and they did not reply. At the Station I was accused of murder. I denied the charge and said that I knew nothing about it. The second defendant indicated that he had no witness to call.

RECONCILIATION.

BANQUET IN HONOUR OF
WANG CHING-WEI.

Shanghai, Sept. 8.
The political and military leaders at Nanking gave a banquet in the Military Council Office yesterday in honour of Wang Ching-wei who arrived from Hankow a few days ago. The Hankow Nationalist chief delivered an eloquent speech in the course of the feast on the reconciliation of Nanking and Hankow. Mr. Wang declared that no one in the Kuomintang should strive for personal ends but the leader of both sides should give up personal differences and repent for whatever faults they had committed. The important problems of the Party and the Nation should be satisfactorily settled in the 4th. Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Commissioners Congress.

Mr. Wang then stated that the Kuomintang leaders in Hankow have had a bitter struggle with the Communists after the discovery of the Communists' seditious plan against the Party. He pointed out that had many faults and he could not flee without first straightening out matters. He had come to Nanking for this purpose. He would try everything possible to bring about the success of the 4th. Plenary Session of the Kuomintang and after important problems were satisfactorily solved in this conference he would retire.

Hsu Chien also spoke on the necessity of reconciliation.

Mr. Wang and the other Hankow leaders who have come to Nanking, are expressing their good wishes to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is understood that they will pay a visit to Chiang's native village in Chekiang to urge the retired Generalissimo returning to office. —Wah Kiu Yat Po.

PEACE PLANS.

COUNCIL CRITICISED.

Geneva, Sept. 8.
Vociferous applause punctuated the vigorous speech of Mr. Hambro of Norway, who frequently glancing in Sir Austen Chamberlain's direction, criticised the work of the Council. He spoke of the secret activity of a Council within the Council, discussing important agenda before the latter was submitted to the General Council.

He finally asked why the under secretaries of the League only belonged to the Great Powers. He said that Norway admired the work of the Secretariat but would do so even more if the Powers still outside were brought inside. Delegates rose and patted Mr. Hambro on the back as he returned to his seat. —Reuter.

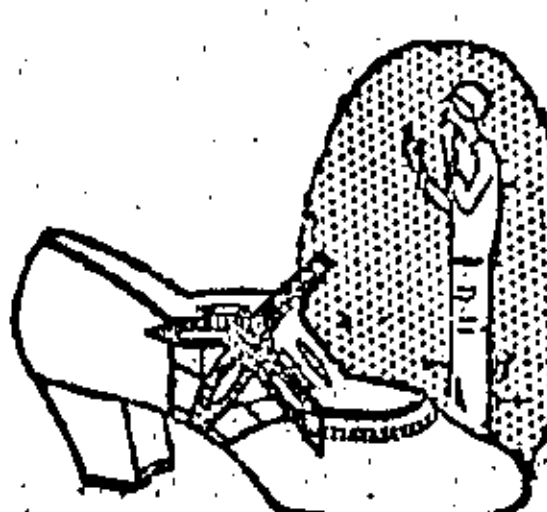
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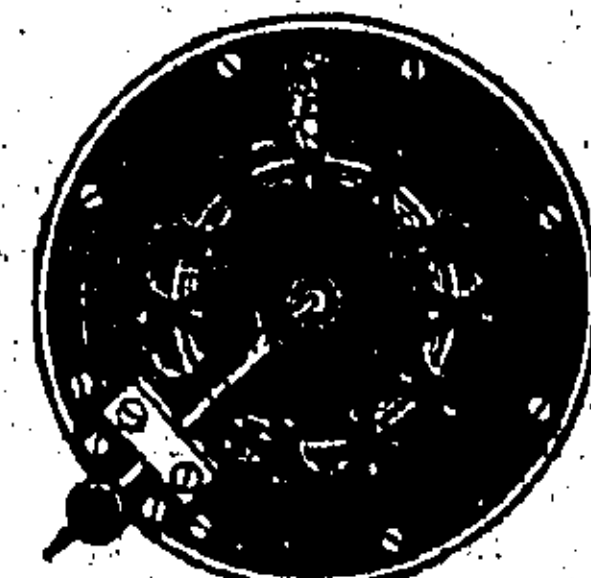
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FRENCH TENNIS STAR.—France is a republic, but it is not without its court beauties. This new portrait of Mlle. Didi Vlasto is proof. She is rated the outstanding woman on the French tennis courts.



UP ALOFT.—Lieutenant Byron J. Connell of the U. S. Pacific battle fleet aircraft squadron took a PN-10 seaplane into the air the other day, carrying a weight of 4,500 pounds and remained aloft 11 hours, 7 minutes and 18 seconds, covering a distance of 947.58 miles. It was a new air record, shattering the old mark held by an Italian pilot who remained aloft 5 hours, 41 minutes and 7 seconds under the same conditions.



TO TRY ATLANTIC.—Where Nungesser and Gali failed, Captain Rignot and Lieutenant Dieudonne Coste (left to right above) hope to succeed. They hope soon to take off from Paris on a non-stop flight to New York. They will fly a Breguet one-motored biplane in which they already have set a record of 3,415 miles of continuous flight—a record that it remained for Lindbergh to break with his journey in the "Spirit of St. Louis."



LOST IN PACIFIC.—When Capt. Will P. Erwin (right) of Dallas, Texas flew in his monoplane for Hongkong, his wife, shown beside him, was expected to fly with him as his radio operator and relief pilot. Erwin, a noted war ace, tried for a \$25,000 prize offered by William E. Easterwood, Jr. (left), Dallas chewing gum magnate. He was lost in the Pacific.



ENGLISH EXPERT.—Miss Eileen Bennett, English tennis star, who was one of those to compete in the women's tennis championships on Long Island.



DISASTER IN A LAKE.—Life guards, aided by Johnny Weismuller (arrow), famous swimmer, are shown helping to recover bodies from the excursion boat Favorite which sank in Lake Michigan near Lincoln park, Chicago. Twenty-six bodies were brought out of the boat after the disaster, but Eugene E. McDonald, Jr. (inset), wealthy radio manufacturer and a member of the Byrd-MacMillan Arctic expedition, reported there seemed a score of bodies still in the craft before she was raised. McDonald went down in a diving suit to explore the boat.



FLAME OF REMEMBRANCE.—Renewal of the flame which burns at the head of France's Unknown soldier in Paris is a nightly ceremony performed by chosen war veterans. Paris Post Number 1 of the American Legion recently was honoured with the assignment. A former Yank doughboy is shown as he renews the flame.



BURIAL OF GOVERNOR GENERAL WOOD.—Sounding "taps" over the grave of General Leonard E. Wood, late governor-general of the Philippine Islands, who according to his request, was laid at rest in the Spanish-American War section of the national cemetery at Arlington, Va.

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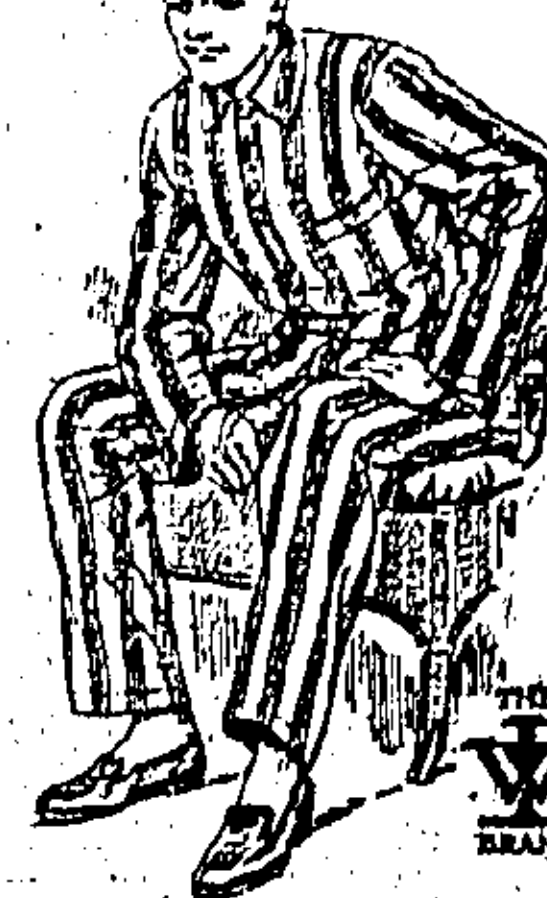
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMPIRE RESOURCES.

Sir Hugo Hirst, Bt., chairman and managing director of the General Electric Company presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders last month dwelt at considerable length on the home and Empire policy of the company.

This was unavoidable for a concern which has a capital of nine million pounds, an annual profit of over one million, makes practically everything electrical, and many other things besides, is adding still further to its lines of manufacture, gives employment to nearly 10,000 people, and is interested in a vast number of questions great and small.

Empire Market.

In the course of his remarks he said—

American efficiency is constantly held up to us as an example. I am an admirer of American practice, but their methods will not help us. They have secured their home market and have succeeded, as producers, in imposing their will on the public; we share our market with others and it is the buyer who imposes his will on the manufacturer. No rigid American methods will suit these conditions. We require much more elasticity in our system of production. Give us a secure home market, and we can produce with the same efficiency and increase the earning capacity of our workers. But we must not only aim at a secure home market, we should aim at an Empire market.

Great Resources.

The United States is a vast self-supporting country, possessed of infinite resources, with which Great Britain cannot compare itself, but the British Empire has resources which not only have been inadequately exploited but they have not even been surveyed; probably its natural wealth is much greater than that of the American Republic.

The seas do not divide the British Empire, they unite it. Transport by sea is far cheaper than by land; distances are vanishing. Progress in abolishing space by telegraph, telephone, wireless etc., has been marvellous in the past but future development will be more marvellous. Electricity will link together our far-flung Empire in thought and annihilate the distance of travel and of transport as well.

Boundless Possibilities.

The economic possibilities of England are limited, but those of the Empire are boundless. The United States have a secure home market which is the envy of the world. The British people may if they choose, have an equally secure home market four or five times as large and infinitely more valuable.

Security of the home markets is indispensable for industrial prosperity, social peace, Empire development and the future of the race. Every order which England might fill and which goes abroad strengthens the foreigner and weakens the home producer. Every article needlessly made abroad raises the skill of the foreign artisan and adds to unemployment at home. Every order going abroad cheapens the price of the foreign article and raises that of the home product.

Orders in Malaya.

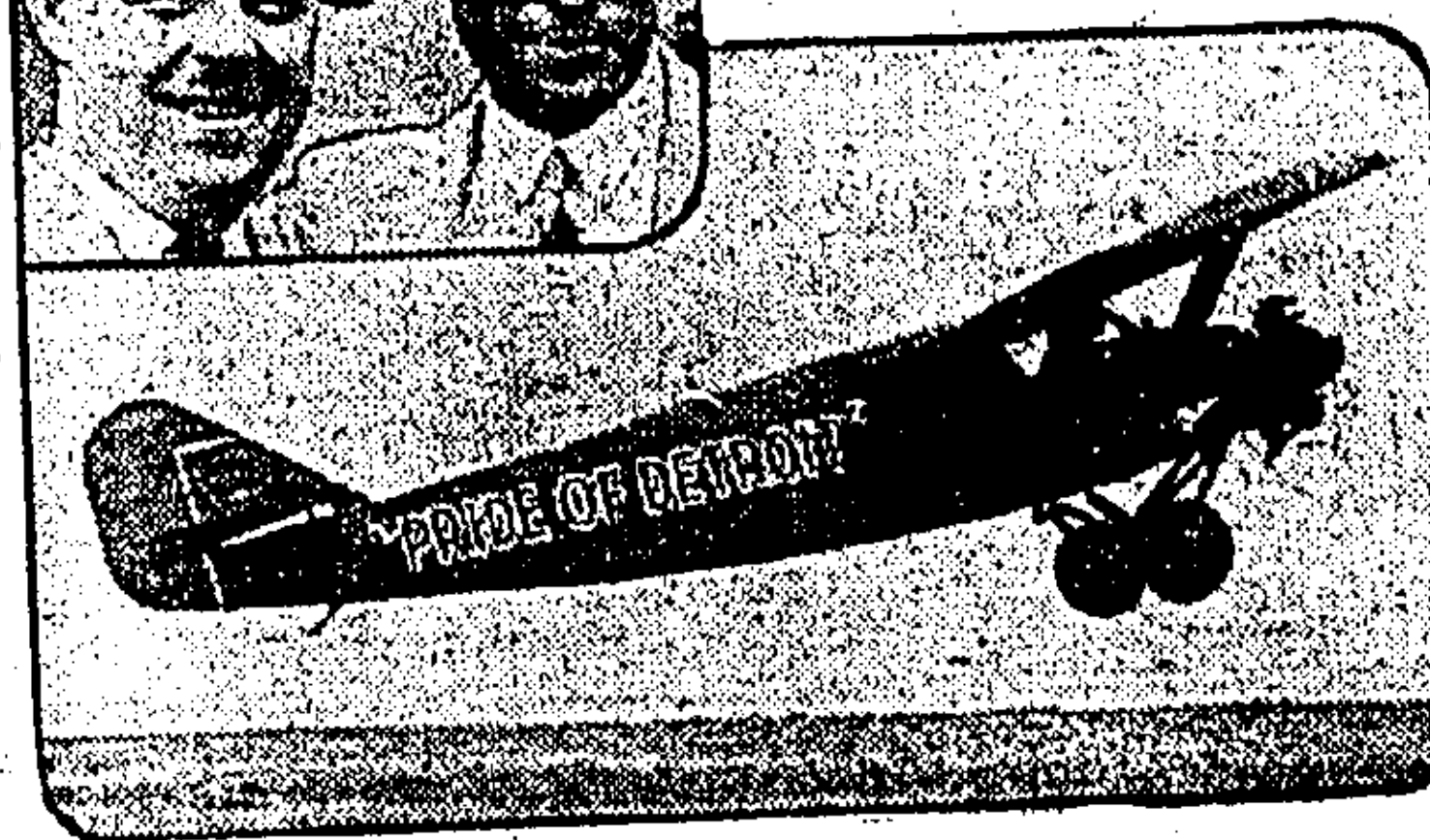
In connexion with the above it is interesting to note that as regards orders received in Malaya, the General Electric Co. have received during this month an order for twelve electrical passenger lifts for one building which are of the high speed type. The average lift in Singapore at the present time has a speed of approximately 200 feet per minute, whereas these lifts will be travelling at 325 feet per minute and are practically all fitted with automatic self-leveling gear.

This will naturally do away with the usual up and down motion with an average native driver in this town. Irrespective of

DUE HERE THIS AFTERNOON.



This shows Messrs. Brock (at left) and Schlee, who are expected in Hongkong this afternoon on their world flight.



CARRIED OFF BY AEROPLANE.

STRANGE ACCIDENT AT SALZBURG.

An aeroplane bound from Vienna to Munich was forced to descend at Salzburg to make some minor adjustments. Three men were detailed for the work, and had not quite finished when the pilot restarted his machine. Two of them jumped clear, but the third was dragged along, clinging to the aeroplane, while the spectators looked up in horror. The pilot, who had not the faintest idea that the man was hanging on, continued to rise in a series of elegant turns, and the shouts of the crowd failed to reach his ears, owing to the noise of the motor. At last the commandant of the air-port at Salzburg hit on the idea of firing light-rockets; the pilot noticed them and began to descend. But another anxious five minutes passed before the pilot understood that he was to land once more.

Not only did the involuntary passenger remain unhurt, but on his arrival at Salzburg he was in the best of spirits, having thoroughly enjoyed his adventure, he said.

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SMUGGLED CHINESE.

"SHAMELESSLY FLOUT" PHILIPPINE LAW.

Representative Pascual B. Azanza, of Samar, has initiated a movement in the House for a thorough and complete investigation of Chinese who have illegally come into the Philippines. At the session of the chamber on Monday Mr. Azanza presented a resolution to order the house committee on labour and immigration to make the insular collector of customs explain how it was that "15,000 Chinese are in the islands," having successfully evaded customs immigration barriers.

The resolution is now being considered by the committee. It reads in part: "The committee on labour and immigration be hereby instructed to make a strict probe into the causes and means employed by 15,000 Chinese in clandestinely entering the Philippines, and to determine the responsibility of the bureau of customs in this connection."

Mr. Azanza asserted that thousands of Chinese are shamelessly flouting the law.

Vicente Adames, insular collector of customs, in an interview yesterday could not estimate the number of Chinese now in the islands who are here illegally. When questioned he only replied that there are many thousands of Chinese here who have evaded detection.

It was also stated by officials of the bureau of customs that that office does not possess the necessary means for the thorough and complete enforcement of immigration regulations.

CHAIWAN MURDER.

THE ACCUSED COMMITTED.

The two Chinese who are charged in connexion with the murder of Mrs. Mackay were this morning committed by Mr. R. E. Indell to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

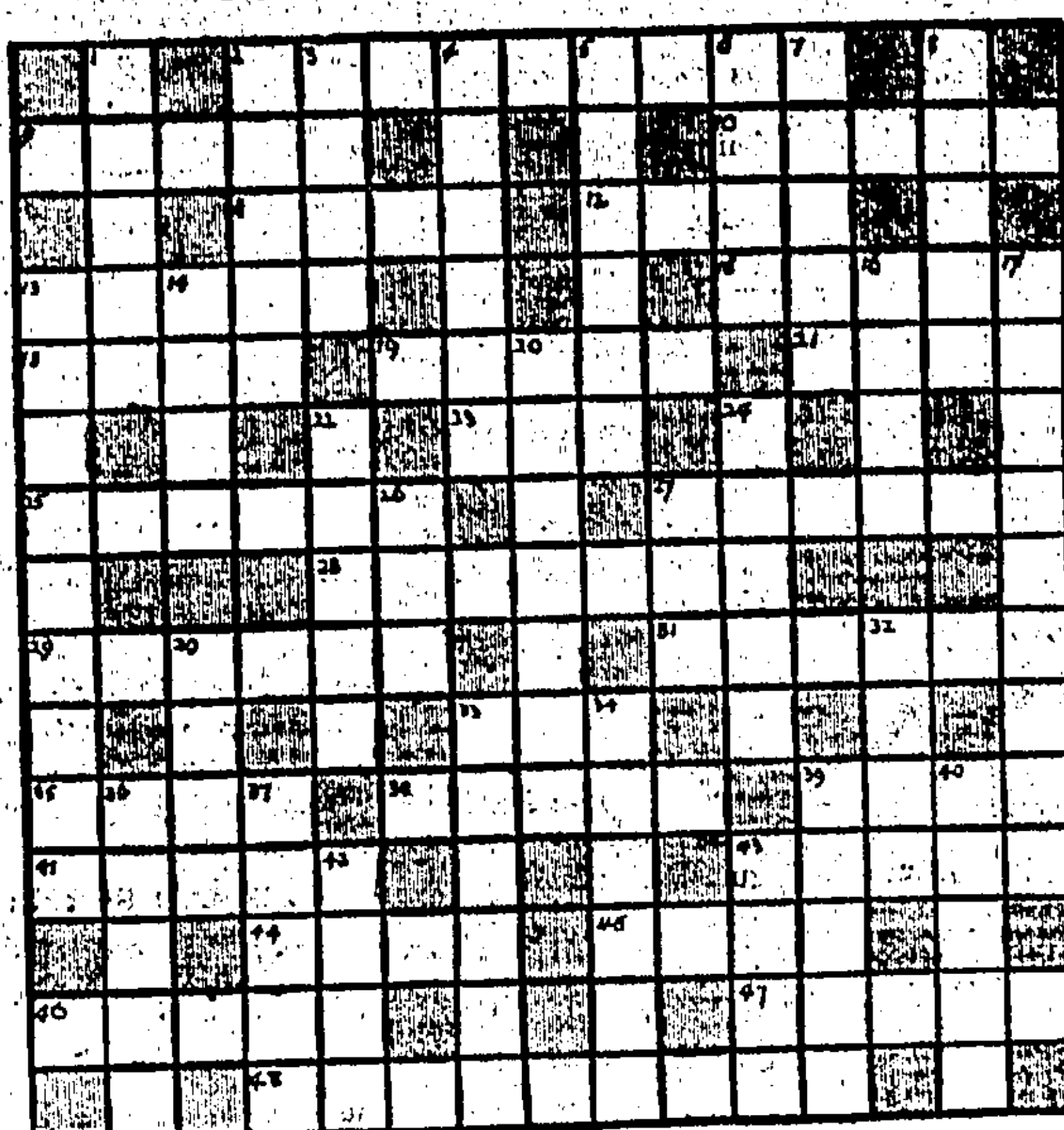
At yesterday's hearing one of the defendants indicated that he would like to call a witness named Yip Lee Yee. The police made enquiries and discovered that Yip Lee Yee was the name of a shop and consequently they brought the master, his son and another tenant to the court for the defendant to say exactly whom he wished to call.

Defendant called the master of the shop, who, however, denied that the defendant was playing dominoes at his shop at the time of the murder. The tenant was then called and he also could not say that the defendant had been playing cards on Saturday, August 6, in Kam Wah street.

Mr. Lindell remarked to Mr. Whyte Smith, who was prosecuting, that it was a fortunate circumstance that these witnesses were called.

When the men were being led away from the dock, the first defendant shouted out in Chinese that he had been playing cards with the last witness and that he had lost 50 cents.

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Across.

- Humble.
- Hindu Goddess of dawn.
- Come in.
- Join.
- Sacred Egyptian bird.
- Vanquishes.
- Entices.
- Stimulate.
- Composes.
- Nobleman.
- Take legal action.
- One that gads.
- Two-seated bicycle.
- Figure of man employed as a column (Arch.).
- Morning receptions.
- Eatable.
- Tear.
- Mark of a stripe.
- Delicate kinds of net work.
- Ascended.
- Parts of boots.
- High voice.
- Empty.
- Starting points in golf.
- Ascended.
- An upper room.
- Those who render.

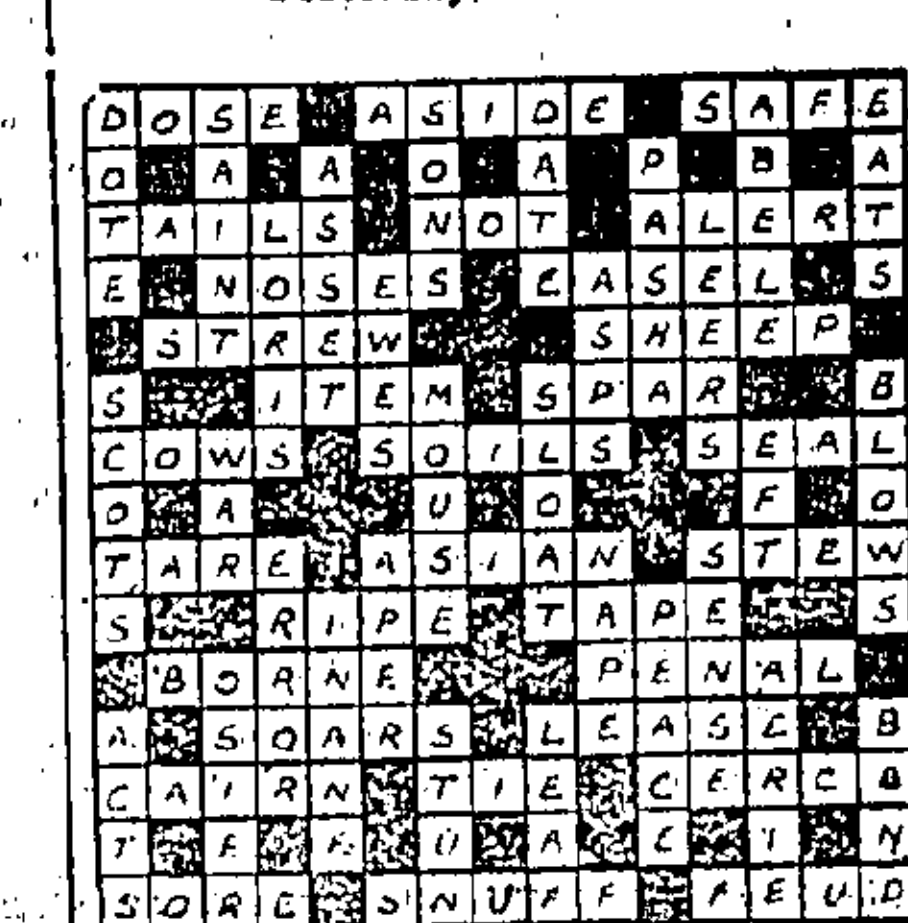
Down.

- Popular flower.
- Speed.
- Employs.
- Foot of two syllables.
- Made of ice.
- Lime tree.
- Succeed.
- Impute.

Habitations.

- Old.
- Pounce upon suddenly.
- One who sleeps.
- Mentally unsound.
- Discourage from proceeding.
- Full of sand.
- Thinking.
- Extremity of foot.
- Phil.
- Great privilege.
- Showered down.
- Disturb.
- Eolian dialect.
- Rests on a fulcrum.
- Reposes.
- Neither gas nor liquid.
- Mentally fit.
- Reud.

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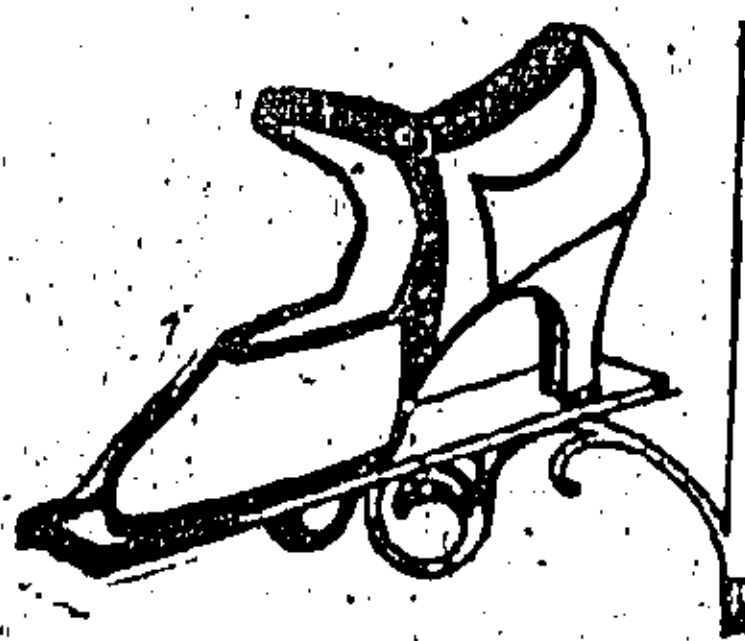
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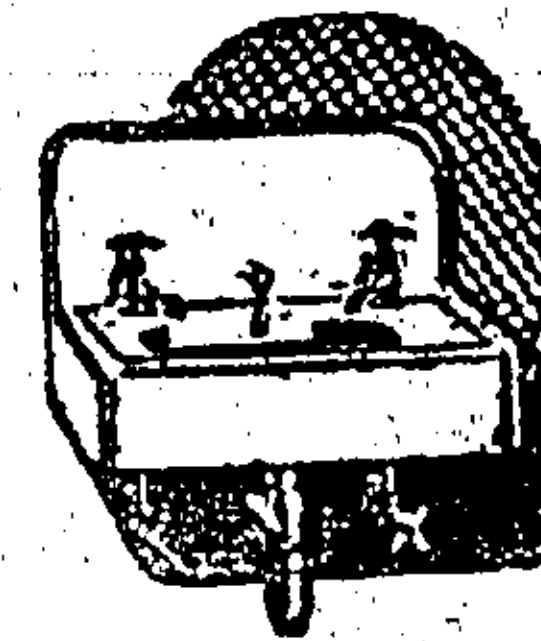
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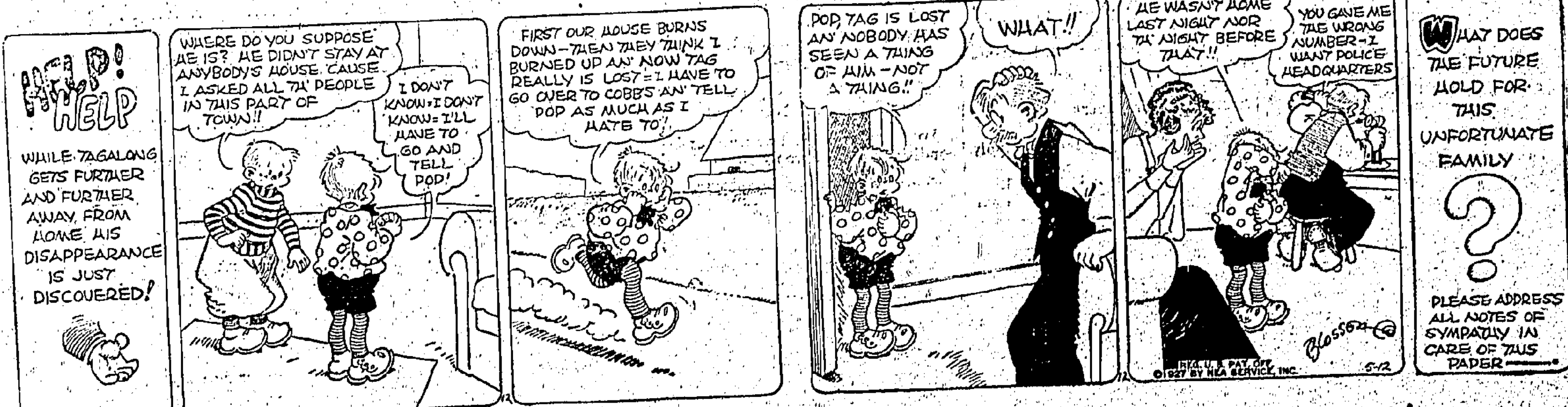
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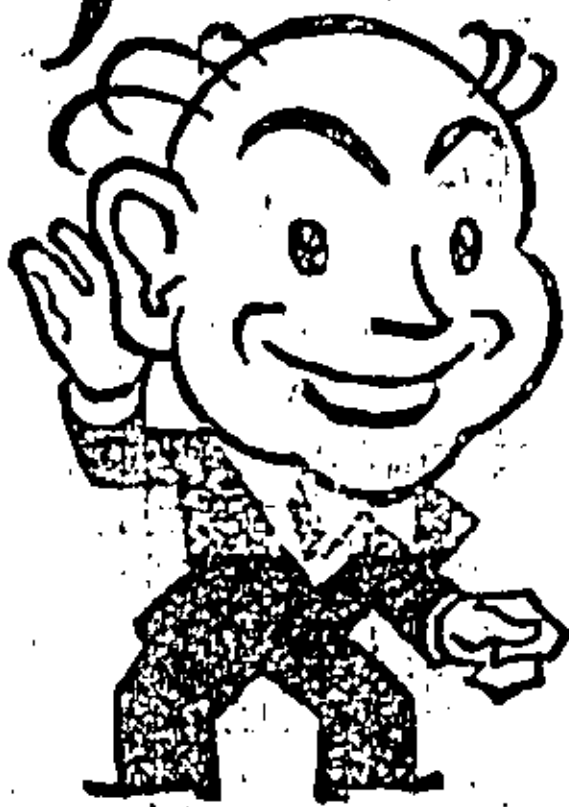
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CANTON'S LAPSE!

We are genuinely sorry regarding recent events in Canton because they prove that the old game of seeking after personal advantage still dominates most of the politicians in the Southern capital, as indeed that trait appears to hold sway all over China. The story of the past week has been oft-times repeated in Canton, but we were beginning to hope that Canton was really striving to live up to the ideals of its creed as the fount of the progressive movement in China. It appears as though General Li Chai-sum has now succeeded in gaining complete power and that his success has been obtained at the expense of many officials who have now left—presumably for Nanking where the full meeting of the Chief Executive Council of the Kuomintang is due shortly to be held. And it is admitted that they have gone to Nanking in search of new posts. Mr. Koo Ying-fan, the erstwhile Finance Minister, has possibly been made a scapegoat by General Li Chai-sum, but whether that is so or not he has left the City of Pans with a very bad impression behind him, because he it was who was at the head of the Ministry when the Banks and merchants were bludgeoned into making a "loan" to the impetuous Government. We are not going to attempt to discover who precisely has been mostly in fault during the past sorry financial episode, but we do know that the officials who sanctioned it and were responsible for its being carried out have rightly earned the strict condemnation of Chinese and foreigners of all classes. The expression of indignation by business Chinese of Shanghai is fully shared here, where there is a very wide-spread lack of trust in the regime at present in power in Canton.

The thing we really deplore is that there is as yet so little sign of really honest administration for the sake of the governed. Surely, at no place in China is there such a wealth of goodwill and co-operation awaiting clean government as there is here in the South and at Canton in particular. It is not the fault of the people that the Government has not succeeded—it could have enjoyed a tremendous success had it contained within itself the essentials of success, namely, honesty of purpose and a desire to govern for the benefit and uplift of the people. But the old game of personal advancement has gone on. Officials have remained self-

appointed, have thought more of themselves and their wealth than they have thought of others, and have altogether belied the high-sounding language of "democracy" used by their spokesmen. The press-gangs are again at work in Canton, impressing coolies for unwilling service with the usually unpaid army, and this in itself is eloquent commentary on the "enlightened" administration which prevails. We dislike having to make this criticism, but as it is only by facing unpleasant truths that we shall be able to change them into pleasant ones it would be wrong to act and speak as though everything in Canton were fine and splendid. We do not doubt the fact that there is a large and growing appreciation of and desire for good and honest government and that there are many young earnest men who have right ideas and who are untainted with the corruption that now spoils everything. And we are left hoping that they will, ere long, manage somehow to get matters into their own hands and demonstrate that Canton was not only the home of the Revolution but can teach the rest of China a lesson in the arts and virtues of honest administration.

Hongkong Produce.

There having been a revival of the question of growing foodstuffs on a larger scale locally, one might examine the matter of soil fertility, which counts for so much in all schemes for increased agricultural development. The newcomer to this place is usually struck by the apparent barrenness of large tracts of the open country, and the seeming poor quality of the soil. On closer examination it is found that the main soil of the Colony, except in the small areas where alluvial deposits are possible, is a disintegrated granite, or else some form of clay and sandstone, usually far from promising. Most of the earth is of this almost arid description, and the idea of flourishing crops of vegetables or fruit is necessarily associated with intensive manuring. Briefly, it may be taken as a fact that much of the soil grown upon by the Chinese is thoroughly exhausted of its fertile contents periodically. There is hardly any leaving of the land fallow to recuperate, and only where rice is grown can it be said that there is not an almost continual rotation of crops. Thus, to start with, the nature of the earth is inferior. After seeing in the Philippines and Malaya and other tropical places, how seeds placed in the ground can almost be left to themselves and be expected to flourish, one realises, in spots here, where even coarse grass finds it difficult to exist, and dies down altogether in dry weather, what our agriculturists have to face. The remedy, which the Chinese have adopted for many generations, is continuous heavy manuring. Their methods are objectionable to the delicate nostrils of those whose occupation does not bring them in constant association with local village life, and in many ways are dangerous from a health point of view, but in the results there is no denying that they are effective. We note with interest the attempt to introduce Chilean nitrates here. There is certainly much to be said for this form of fertiliser, but it is doubtful whether the Chinese market gardeners, most conservative of country folk, will take readily to any innovations of this kind. It has yet to be demonstrated whether cost of transport from the land of origin, and so forth, will give a manure as cheap as the old-fashioned form in present use. An alternative to the objectionable part of the use of excreta is a proper sewage plant, the almost odourless residue being used in place of the crude material now traded in so largely. It would be less of a threat to a long-established local industry, and at least would go hand in hand with a reform which a world port like Hongkong should be able to boast in the years to come—a modern refuse and sewage disposal system. And to go back to the question of local agricultural produce, one cannot but arrive at the conclusion that the nature of our soil necessitates a careful study of fertilising requirements before any big-scale ideas of fruit or vegetable growing can be embarked upon.

A Chinese tapper working on Bohau estate F. M. S., was on Monday last attacked by a male panther. Hearing his cries for help, a companion named Hiah Poh pluckily went to his assistance, and with a stick beat the panther to death. His friend, however, had received several wounds, and died of blood poisoning two days later.—*Malay Mail.*

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN DOES NOT NECESSARILY SIN WHO DOES THAT WHICH OUR REASON AND OUR CONSCIENCE CONDEMN.—*J. G. Holland.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The s.s. Benavon from Hong Kong is due here on Wednesday next.

The accident happened yesterday, the boy being taken to the Military Hospital at Kowloon in the lorry. Later, he was transferred to the Kowloon Hospital.

A report has been made to the police by Sergeant Ratfield that a sum of \$100 was stolen yesterday from the officers' quarters at the Kai Tak Aerodrome.

Francis Calduco, an eleven-year-old boy, living at No. 531 Nathan Road, was rather seriously injured when in attempting to cross the road he was knocked down by a military lorry.

Captain Harris, living at No. 1 Huntington, Stubbs Road, has reported to the police the theft of two watches and a silver cigarette case from his bedroom valued altogether at \$118.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a fair tennage, with 13 arrivals and nine departures, of which two and two respectively were British, leaving 61 vessels in harbour, British 26.

A Chinese was bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. Castilho, at Kennedy Town, yesterday. The man went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment while the dog was seized and removed to the depot.

A fall into a tank of a steamer lying at Taikoo Docks, caused serious injuries to a dock-hand yesterday. He sustained a fractured skull and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

The following are passengers through to London on the s.s. Novara which arrived from Shanghai to-day:—Sq. Ldr. W. Sowrey, Flight Lieut. McBain, N. Moreton, J. Leahy; Flyg. Officers J. Hadden, A. Hill, L. Cannon, C. Heard.

While hanging out some clothes to dry on a clothesline yesterday, an amah at No. 9 Nanking Street pitched headlong from the top of a wall on which she was standing and received injuries from which she succumbed, an hour later, at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Songbo, Tonkin, Pronto, Osaka Maru, Deli Maru, Sado Maru, Kamo Maru, President Grant, Alipore, Eurylochus, Helios, Lycos, Haidis, Macassar Maru, Glenluce, St. Albans, Talamba, Sandviken, Namsang, Nanking, Hong Peng, Chak-sang, Seistan and Kwaisang.

PEAK TRAM STOPPAGE.

AN OLD CAR NOW IN USE.

On the Peak Tramway this morning there was one old car and one new car in use, owing to the fact that the car which suffered a damaged bearing yesterday, in consequence of which the service was suspended all the morning, had to be taken off the run for attention.

The bearing of the connecting rod was found to be badly scored, and it was in consequence of this that the service yesterday afternoon and evening was of slow and partial nature. The ordinary time table could not be adhered to.

During last night, workmen disconnected the car with the damaged bearing and put into commission the old car which has for some months been in the car shed at the bottom. It is hoped to put the new car into use again almost immediately.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Sept. 8.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.01 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.16
Vienna	34.48
Helsingfors	19.24
Lisbon	2.7 1/10
Bucharest	7.85
Buenos Aires	47.31 1/2
Hongkong	1.11 7/32
Yokohama	4.88 5/32
New York	25.21
Geneva	89.45
Milan	18.10
Stockholm	18.42
Oslo	10.37
Prague	28.81
Madrid	30.74
Athens	5.65 1/4
Rio	2.7 1/8
Bombay	2.7 1/8
Shanghai	2.5 1/4
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 7/16

—British Wireless.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL RECEPTION OF WIRELESS.

(To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—I read with considerable interest the article appearing in the *Telegraph* of Tuesday last about the wireless reception of concerts from Australia and Holland.

While not wishing in any way to belittle the results of an experienced amateur such as Mr. Taylor, or the extensive "write up" which his efforts achieved, I would like to point out that the individualistic note of the article is to be deprecated.

Might I mention that to my own knowledge many local amateurs and, of course, professionals, also, obtained the concerts in question with ease. I think I am correct in saying that more than one not only received the Australia end of the test, but also successfully received Mr. Marcuse's B.B.C. relay, transmitted from his home in Surrey which commenced about 9.30 p.m. local time.

The transmissions were intelligibly audible on one valve and any recently designed two or three valve short wave regenerative receiver would pick them up here without any trouble.

I suppose that the reception of these stations is a minor epic in the linking of Empire with the Motherland, but the answer to the query appearing at the head of your article as to the constitution of a reception record for the Colony is decidedly in the negative.

I do not think that this reception appeared to any experienced amateur as being something phenomenal, the possibilities of short wave transmission and reception being well known and, in consequence, the matter did not receive any further publicity.—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS B. ROLLAND,
Member, Inst. Radio Engineers,
Hongkong, Sept. 8, 1927.

WOULD-BE SUICIDES.

RESCUES FROM THE HARBOUR.

In transpires to-day that a Chinese in planning to do away with himself, took great pains to ensure that his identity should not be lost to those who should recover his body afterwards.

The man is Ng Sui Tak, who before throwing himself from the Praya wall at Kennedy Town, had left a paper in his pocket giving particulars regarding his place of origin and his age, which was shown to be 25 years. Then that there might be no mistake, he wrote on the paper the Chinese characters for "suicide."

But the best-laid schemes of mice and men gang off aghly. It was high tide last evening and there were a number of amateur anglers fishing from the seawall. One of them heard the splash when the would-be suicide jumped into the water, and he effected a very prompt rescue.

Frustrated and much exhausted, the would-be suicide was handed over to the police and subsequently removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

There is pathos in the case reported by the police of a blind beggar who sought to end his miseries in the harbour. He was seen to leap from the waterfront near Whitty Street, but was rescued by a Chinese. The latter disappeared from the scene after having seen the beggar turned over to the care of the police, and efforts to trace him for the purpose of commending him for his gallant act have not been successful.

LADY ROBBED.

SMART SENTENCE FOR SNATCHER.

An exemplary sentence was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was charged with snatching a hand bag from Mrs. J. A. d'Almeida, in Nathan Road last night.

The defendant pleaded guilty. The complainant was walking along Nathan Road in the vicinity of Sal Fec Terrace at about 6.30 p.m. yesterday when the defendant snatched her hand bag containing \$12 and other articles and ran away. Mr. J. M. Luz, who resides in Sal Fec Terrace, was a short distance behind the complainant and immediately gave chase.

He overtook the defendant in Jordan Road and caught him, later handing him over to the Police. Sergeant Hargreaves, prosecuting, asked for a severe sentence in view of the numerous cases of snatching in the Colony and his Worship sent the defendant to prison for six months with hard labour and further ordered a birching of 20 strokes.

The Very Idea!

The Jew was very depressed. Business was bad, and things were far from pleasant at home. It was, moreover, a miserable day of wind and rain, and he had no umbrella. Walking down the street he muttered to himself: "Oh, Gott, I wish I was dead!"

Suddenly a chimney came hurtling down and felled him to the ground. After a few minutes he regained his feet and was heard to remark, "Oh, Gott, don't you know when a man's in fun?"

Synthetic bread, the Walrus said,

Is what we chiefly need:
Chemical vingar bestides
Is very good indeed—
Now, artificial Oysters, dear,
We can afford to feed!

There is a good-natured feeling of comradeship among the newspapers of England which keeps them, in spite of the most enthusiastic disagreements on political questions, good friends, personally, if one may extend the quality of personification to a corporate entity. An amusing instance of this recently occurred.

J. L. Garvin, editor of the *Observer*, wrote a strongly worded condemnation of the present Government's plan for reforming the House of Lords. It is the habit of all English newspapers to put out posters giving readers an idea of what ever issue contains. In the hurry and stress of newspaper production the *Observer* put out this poster:

A Crowing Blunder

It can be imagined how much amusement this caused when reprinted in other newspapers.

Willissen woman: Can I have a summons against my mother-in-law for definition of character.

Nottinghamshire miner's wife: We use a sledge hammer as a poker.

Magistrate at Willissen: How old is that baby? Mother: Only two, sir, Magistrate: But its head is as large as yours.

Willissen magistrate: If you were not drunk, why were you in the grounds? Man: It is capable of explanation; but it would take quite a long time, so I will not worry you with it.

Man at Lambeth: When I married my wife I married two women. I married her mother also.

A five-year-old boy, noticing a lady in Victorian attire enter a tramcar, startled his father with the following question:

"Daddy, has the lady who has just got in got any legs?"

"Of course, she has," replied the father, rather shocked.

"Well, where are they? she looks as if she's all body."

The greatest curse of Australia to-day is the extremists—Mr. Bruce.

It is proposed to hold a great campaign this year to induce the public to drink more milk.—Sir John Gilmour.

When I parted from Mr. Gibson and Admiral Jones I gave them each a British briar pipe with which they might offer, upon the altar of peace, the incense of Virginia when they got home.—Mr. Bridgeman.

What are rabies and what would you do for them? asked a Nottingham teacher of one of his pupils.

Rabies are Jewish priests; and I would do nothing for them; replied the boy.

This was one of the stories told by the Bishop of Southwell when speaking on "Laughter" at Newark yesterday.

Another of his examples of humour was:

A traveller in Spain wanted mushrooms stewed in milk. To explain to the waiter he drew a picture of a mushroom and a cow. To his surprise the waiter brought an umbrella and two tickets for a bull fight.

Laughter is in essence a social response, went on the Bishop. What makes a thing funny, he said, is the element of surprise. A boy ran into his mother's room and cried: "There's a strange man upstairs kissing nurse." The mother expressed surprise, and the boy added, "April Fool, mother. It is only Daddy."

The quiet French-Canadian village of Grandence, Quebec, was the scene recently of one of the most discussed weddings of the recent years. Mr. James A. Stillman, jun., son of the multimillionaire "United States" banker, married Miss Lena Wilson, the daughter of Scottish and French parents and a former maid-servant in the Stillman's summer home here.

The Band of the 1st Battalion Camerons is giving a promenade concert at the Edo Memorial Park in Kowloon Tong tomorrow night.

IN CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.

WHOLESALE CHANGE OF OFFICIALS.

THE THREAT TO SWATOW.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Sept. 8.

Following the departure of Mr. Koo Ying-fan, many of his colleagues, like Mayor Lam Wen-kai, Lee Man-fan (Commissioner of Civil Affairs), and Chen Yung (Commissioner of Justice), have resigned from their offices.

Many high officials of the Ministry of Finance and the Provincial Department of Finance have been placed under arrest for alleged corruption. These two official bodies have suspended all functions since Mr. Koo left.

The assistant manager of the Central Bank has been placed under arrest allegedly for having precipitated the run on that institution. All the treasury officials who are under arrest were trusted supporters of Koo Ying-fan. They are alleged to be concerned in the charge of corruption which led to the recent financial crisis. While Koo himself is said to have been honest, he entrusted all important matters to his subordinates as he had to travel between Canton and Nanking.

It is understood that General Fung Chok-man, Commissioner of Labour, has been appointed to fill Mr. Koo's post in Canton. The other Commissioners tendered their resignations because they owed their appointments to Mr. Koo.

Mayor Lam Wen-kai's resignation has been accepted, and it is understood that Admiral Chen Chak will be appointed to be Mayor of Canton.

Threat to Swatow.

The threatened invasion of Swatow and its impending fall into the hands of General Yip Ting and Ho Lung has caused some anxiety here. The latest report to hand says that Yip's forces are only a few miles from Chiu Chow Fu. Lack of natural barriers makes the Swatow districts very vulnerable.

Canton troops are now being rushed to that centre, before the enemy can make further progress. The Eleventh and Thirteenth Divisions, which compose the best troops of General Li Chai-sum, are already on their way to the Waichow and Swatow districts. General Li Fook-lam's troops have also been commended for this defence, and are being shipped to Swatow by a destroyer. What troubles the Military Headquarters is that all these Canton soldiers are newly recruited and have no previous experience on the battlefield as contrasted with General Yip's men who recently defeated the well-trained Fengtien forces at Chengchow, Honan.

From military circles, it is learned that a stout resistance will be made against the onslaught of the enemy troops but in case this strategy proves a failure, General Li's men will withdraw and come nearer to Canton. Contrary to other reports that the enemies are ragged and worn-out soldiers, they are well equipped, and fully paid. Swatow is garrisoned by Chiang soldiers under General Ho Chup-ang, and some of them are Whampoa cadets. Since the fall of Chiang Kai-shek, these soldiers are more eager to return to Chekiang than to fight the Cantonese, well knowing they cannot remain long in Kwangtung soil in any event. Civil officials are ready to leave for Shanghai at any moment. Added to their consternation is the frequent explosion of bombs. According to a report more than fifteen bombs have exploded in Swatow during the past few days.

The suburb of Honan is due to have a proper water supply system in order to prevent the cholera epidemic that breaks out year after year. The water supply in the city does not reach Honan which is separated by the Canton River. The inhabitants of this suburb draw their water from wells or direct from the river. A Water Supply Company has recently been formed and hopes to be in a position to supply water to the public soon.

ATTACK ON U.S. CONSUL.

AN AFFAIR IN DRESDEN.

Dresden, Sept. 4.

Emil Steger, secretary of the American consulate here, was removed to a sanitarium, unconscious, following an attempt to assassinate him today. His assailant, an unidentified man, escaped.—Associated Press.

LAST OF SINGAPORE TRAMS.

AN EFFICIENT TROLLEY BUS SERVICE.

TRIBUTE TO ROAD-MAKERS.

No tears are likely to be shed when, on Sunday next, the last two of the old trams of Singapore pass to the scrap heap, says the *Straits Times*.

A year ago, 58 of these barbarous vehicles were cavorting through our streets, threatening death and destruction to those in and about them. To-day the Traction Company is operating 66 efficient trolley buses plus the two relics of a past that may well be forgotten; and on Monday anyone contemplating the installation of a seaside hut or some other form of the simple life, will have the chance of taking these vehicles off the hands of the Traction Company—for a consideration.

Their removal marks the disappearance also of the tramway track along the Selegie Road-Bras Basah Road section, a considerable job on which the Municipal Roads Department concentrates on and from Monday next. Those who are going to Serangoon while the road is "up" are advised to proceed by Bencoolen Street and Jalan Besar.

Additions in Contemplation.

As we have already noted the Traction Company now have 66 trolley buses on the streets and they expect by about the middle of November to have 75, and to increase this number by gradual stages until, about the middle of 1928, they will have 90 vehicles on the road.

This means that by the middle of next year there will be in public operation 50 per cent. more trolley buses than there have ever been trams; or speaking in terms of trams, the equivalent of 108 trams. While quoting these figures, an important fact to remember is that the new buses have 20 per cent. higher speed than the old tramway service.

Road-Making Efficiency.

People are inclined to take things for granted. We may therefore emphasise that whatever the Traction Company have accomplished to meet public transport needs—and they have done a good deal and done it well—the progress recorded so far would have been impossible had not the Municipal Roads Department pushed on vigorously with the road reconstruction schemes. In this connexion we should be falling in a duty if we did not make particular reference to the personal interest and driving force of Mr. Farrer, the Municipal President.

With the experience of other places in mind, some people were of opinion that the trolley buses, running on practically the same tracks week in and week out, would cause grooving on the roads. But no such trouble has been experienced and none is anticipated. This is a striking tribute to the sound work put into the roads.

Uses for Old Rails.

What becomes of the old rails? Hundreds of tons of them must have been torn up from the streets. Then they vanish. But they have still a role to fulfil. They are sold by the ton to estates for use in bridge work, and to others who want them for various purposes of reinforcement, and a large proportion of them are shipped away from the island. How many people realise, we wonder, that these rails—at least those of them that formed part of the original track—bear the legend "Made in Germany!"

The Boycott and Its Results.

What of the trolley bus boycott? Practically it has died a natural death. The weekly takings of the Traction Company are now very nearly what they were before the boycott opened five months ago. The Company have suffered financially, but a secondary effect has been felt by the public who have missed the development which should and would have occurred during these months.

Both boycotted and boycotters have felt the effects of this foolish movement. Arrears have to be made up and the Company are setting about their task valiantly; but if a section of the public should be foolish enough again to hamper the company's hands they must expect to suffer the consequences.

CALGARY COLLISION.

TWO KILLED AND THIRTY FIVE INJURED.

Calgary, Alberta, Sept. 8.

Two trainmen were killed and thirty-five passengers injured in a collision on the Canadian Pacific Railway's main line near Calgary.—*Reuter's American Service*.

AMERICANIZE THE PHILIPPINES.

ADVICE OF SENATOR HIRAM BINGHAM.

NO INDEPENDENCE.

Rapid City, Sept. 5.

Senator Hiram Bingham, of Connecticut, recently returned from an extended trip through China and the Philippines, told President Calvin Coolidge in a conference with the latter here to-day that the United States should abandon efforts to educate the Filipinos for independence, and instead, launch a campaign to teach them to be good Americans.

"The Filipinos could not sustain their independence if they gained it," Senator Bingham said. "They would be helpless against any covetous neighbor."

"We spend a great deal of money in this country for Americanization but we give no such effort to the Filipinos. We should teach them that to be American citizens is the greatest thing in the world. I was impressed with the fact that the protection of our island possessions, both the Philippines and Hawaii, will depend upon our air-plane and submarine forces. We are not sufficiently equipped with either on the Asiatic station."

Best for China.

Amplifying recent statements, Senator Bingham suggested three strong regional governments for China as the best means of leading the country into permanent peace.

He also asserted that the American-Chinese treaties should be liberalized. He expressed a belief that negotiations in that direction could be started with Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian dictator.

The senator said that there was no chance of an international opposition to the Chinese governments.

A recent discussion of the tariff at the summer executive office here has led to the conclusion that the topic will not be objectionable as an issue in the next campaign, so far as President Coolidge and his party are concerned.

President Coolidge is said to have noted with pleasure an editorial in the *Saturday Evening Post* which declared that the bankers' manifesto of a year ago attacking trade barriers was aimed against the tariff walls existing between European countries, and was not applicable to the American tariff.

President Coolidge, upon his return to Washington, will confer with the senate leaders as to whether he should call a special session of the senate this fall to consider the contested election cases of Smith of Illinois and Vane of Pennsylvania.—*Associated Press*.

INDIAN BANK'S FIVE PER CENT.

Calcutta, Sept. 8.

The Imperial Bank of India has increased its interest rate to 5 per cent.—*Reuter*.

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PORT OF SINGAPORE CHANGES.

PROPOSALS UNDER SCAN OF BUSINESS MEN.

MECHANICAL COALING.

The proposal to extend existing wharfage accommodation at Singapore, and to install mechanical appliances for the handling of coal, was the subject of a series of interviews a representative of the *Straits Times* has had with members of local shipping and other business circles.

The parties most affected, the shipowners' agents, being also members of the Board, felt that in the circumstances they could voice no opinion, except to the Board, one rather naively stating that the considered action of that body, consisting as it did of the majority of the shipping people, would reflect local shipping opinion.

Changes Welcomed.

Mr. Marshall, of Messrs. McAlister and Co., expressed himself as strongly in favour of the principle of modernising local coaling conditions, a step he considered an urgent necessity in view of the fact, as he put it, that owing to our present primitive methods we are losing to Sabang and Colombo much of the coal business that should come to Singapore. The present slow handling of coal at Singapore was the cause of 6d. increase per ton as compared with Sabang, and he presumed that that sent away to Sabang many vessels that would otherwise call here.

As an agent of shipowners, Mr. Marshall welcomed changes which would permit him to coal at Singapore quickly, while as a shipper he thought that the fact ships could turn round here more quickly would have a beneficial effect on trade.

Question of Cost.

The head of one of the biggest firms in Malaya, speaking with the concurrence of a leading business man, both of whom unfortunately have the strongest objection to publicity, put the matter very briefly.

"Singapore," he said, "is one of the important ports of the world. Every big trade port is equipped with modern appliances. Were those appliances, put in for the purpose of increasing costs? Have they resulted in the great ports of the world in increasing costs?"

This merchant expressed the opinion that the person in the best position to gauge requirements from the point of view of wharf accommodation as well as the amount of coal likely to be attracted to the port by modern handling methods, was Mr. Trimmer.

Another business man, of a firm representing shipowners, expressed the opinion that existing wharf accommodation was certainly not always adequate to meet the calls made upon it.

No Increased Charges.

Mr. H. Elphick, of the firm of William Jacks and Co., as a business man welcomed any steps towards the modernising of the port of Singapore.

As to increased charges he thought it would be a matter of good business on the part of the Board to prevent that rise in charges which would keep ships out and so neutralise the benefits of increased accommodation and more modern methods.

That Singapore was very much behind hand in its coaling methods, was the emphatic opinion of Mr. E. Walker, of the P. and O. Co. He stated that at present colliers had to deal with delay in waiting for berths, as only two colliers could be discharged at the same time and the time taken in discharging coal.

Mr. Trimmer estimates that the Board's tariff for handling coal with his proposed mechanical transporters at a special wharf would be 63 cents per ton discharging (labour in holds extra) and 63 cents per ton bunkering (trimmers extra) as against the present rate of \$1.01 and 90 cents, respectively.]

TO FIGHT BERI-BERI.

A PHILIPPINE'S PROJECT.

An appropriation of P60,000 for the purchase of a machine and the erection of a factory building will be asked in a bill to be submitted by the bureau of science to the Philippine Legislature, it was learned yesterday. The bureau of science urgently needs a factory exclusively used for ti-ki-ti-ki extract a medicine to cure infant's beri-beri, which is increasing in the islands.

Formerly, the bureau made a monthly average of 5,000 bottles of ti-ki-ti-ki extract and distributed it to the Philippine general hospital, the Philippine health service and the public welfare

OFFENDING MESSMAN.

CREW DEMANDS CHANGE OF FOOD.

A rather amusing story is told in explanation of the s.s. Yalou's unexpected return to Hongkong yesterday, after she had sailed only six hours previously.

It appears that on her last trip from Europe, the Yalou carried as one of her complement a Frenchman who acted as messman. It was alleged by the crew that a long sampling of the products of the messman on the trip did not make them see quite eye to eye with him and when the s.s. Yalou called at Hongkong the other day a petition was lodged for his services to be dispensed with. The crew wanted a change of food. The matter was settled at the Consulate to the satisfaction of the crew, and when the Yalou resumed her trip back to Marseilles on Wednesday, the late messman was left behind.

Unfortunately, certain necessary papers in respect of the messman's position and credentials should have been turned over to the Consulate officials. The Captain of the Yalou having omitted to do so, the steamer was recalled after being several hours at sea, her unexpected return giving rise to various reports, one of which, given appearing in a contemporary, being that the vessel's return was in connexion with the extradition of a criminal to Indo-China.

The Yalou in due course, resumed her voyage to Europe.

PRESIDENTS BOATS.

ALTERATIONS IN SAILING.

The s.s. Pres. Grant of the American Mail Line will arrive from Manila on Sunday morning. She will sail for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Monday, Sept. 12, 1927 at Mid-night.

The s.s. Pres. Lincoln of the Dollar Steamship Line will arrive from San Francisco and Los Angeles via Honolulu, Japan Ports and Shanghai on Monday afternoon and will sail for Manila on the following day at 6 p.m.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 In what famous poem did Dante go down into hell, and who conducted him there?
- 2 What was the earliest form of play in England?
- 3 What seventeenth century poet was vicar of Dons Prior in Devonshire?
- 4 What are Anthony Trollope's best known novels?
- 5 Name the authors of the following: "The Deserted Village," "The Cry of the Children," "Hind and the Panther," "Quincey, and what was the chief characteristics of his style of writing?
- 6 Which English poet printed and published some of his own work, and what are his best-known writings?
- 7 Where do the following lines occur? "To thine own self be true." "An honest man's the noblest work of God."
- 8 "Beauty is as summer fruits, which are easy to corrupt and cannot last."
- 9 Who thought the French language a dismal one, and in what novel?
- 10 What Shakespearean character believed that the eating of beef does harm to the wit?
- 11 Who was Steele's great contemporary, and in what were they associated together?
- 12 What influences are noticeable in Chaucer's poetry?

commissioner. At present this amount can not be produced for lack of machines and a building. By increasing the productions of ti-ki-ti-ki, extract, infant mortality will be greatly reduced and health in the islands generally improved, it was said.

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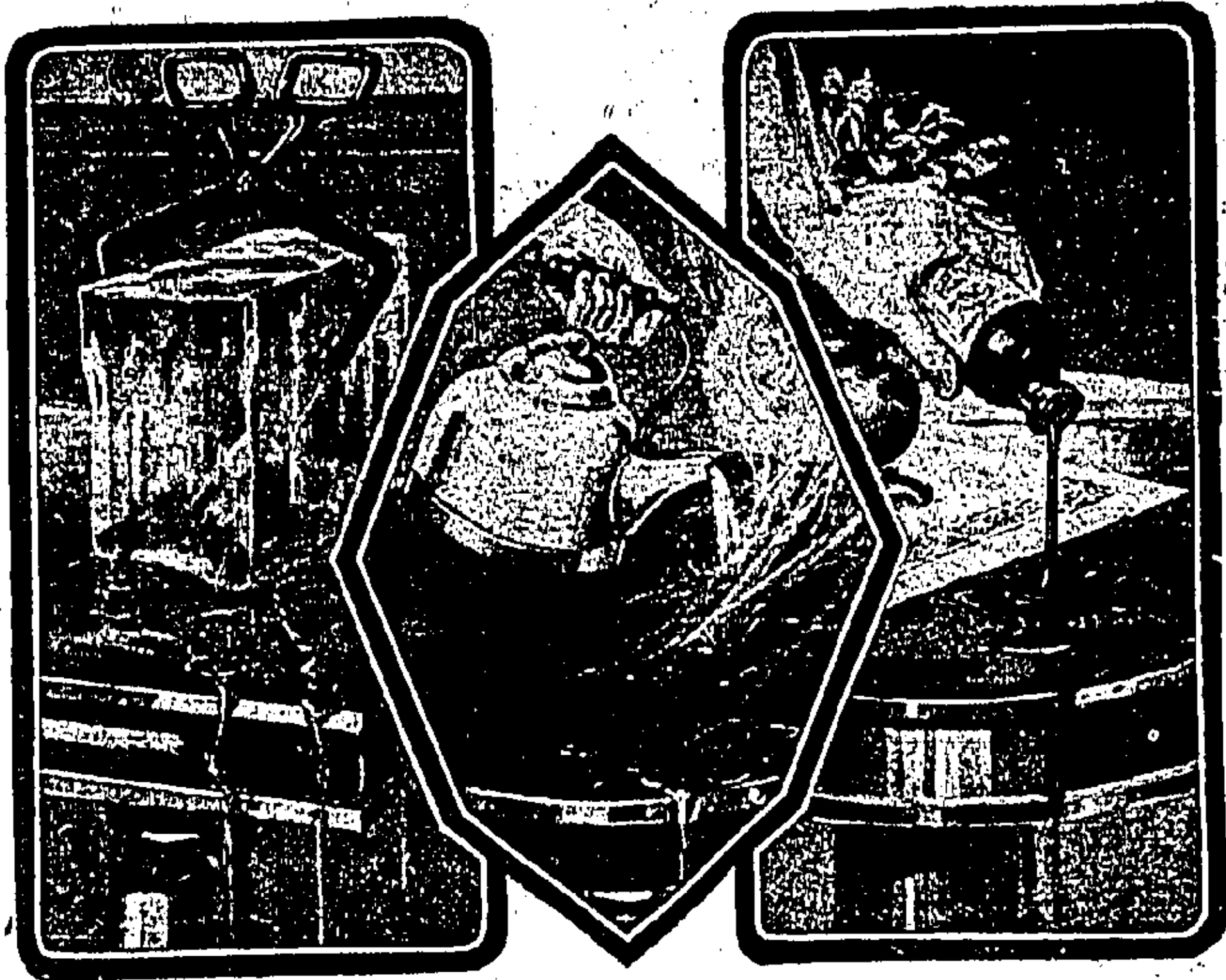
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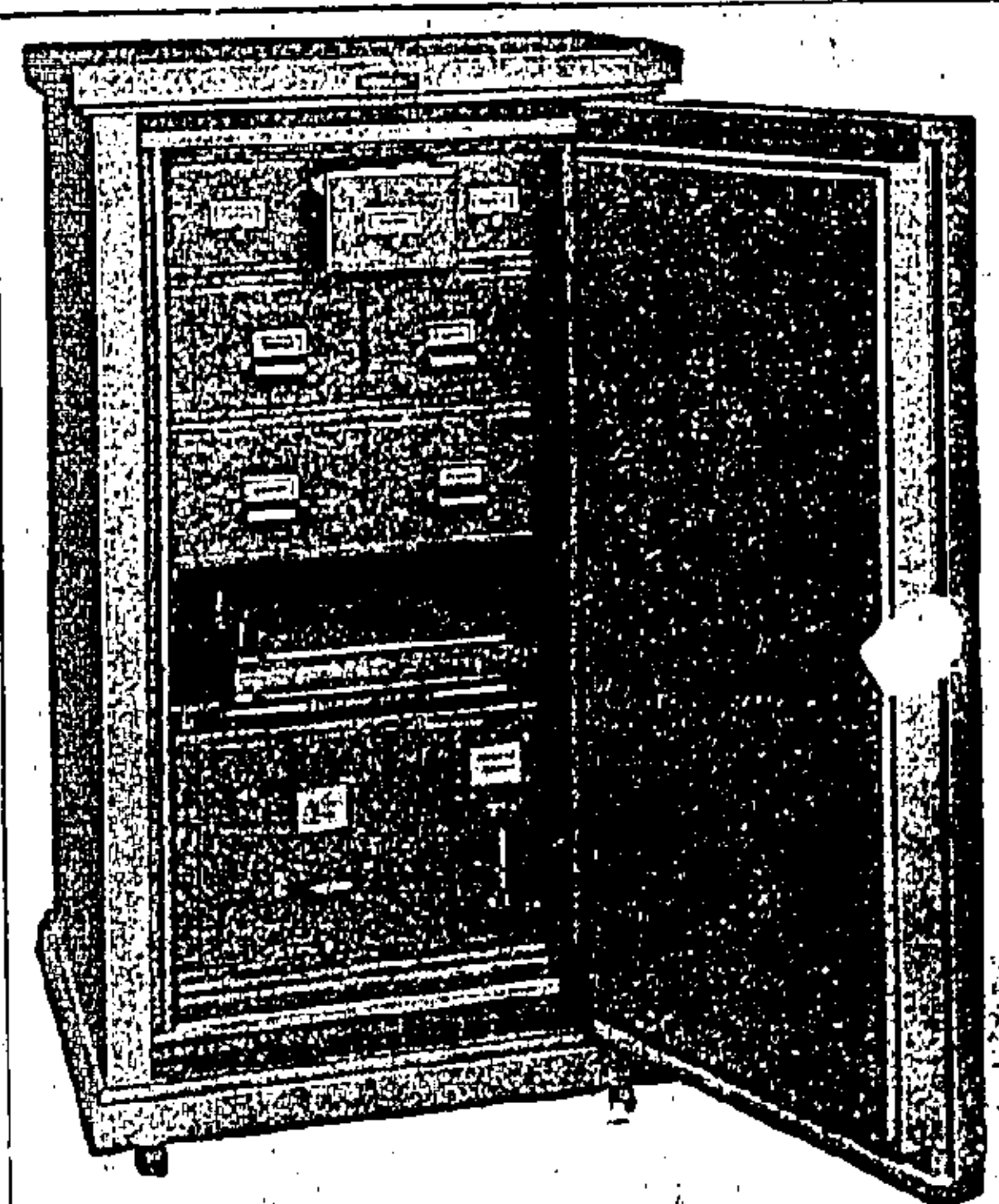


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CIVIL AVIATION IN INDIA.

COLONEL SHELMEYER'S
SUGGESTIONS.

Bombay, Aug. 17.
"Here in India, we have an ideal country for commercial air transport," declared Colonel Sheldermine, Director of Civil Aviation (India), in the course of a detailed survey of the present position and future possibilities of civil aviation, on the occasion of his first official visit to Karachi.

Colonel Sheldermine continued that the distances were great, the means of communication not too good and climate conditions favourable.

He suggested three air routes which should be the first to be developed, namely, Karachi to Delhi, Karachi to Bombay and Calcutta to Rangoon.

He regarded the through route from Karachi to Calcutta as the main route of India, and after the three routes mentioned had been developed, the next route should be from Bombay to Calcutta, joining the main trunk route at Allahabad.

It appeared to him that in future Allahabad would be the main air junction of India, for here there would meet the main cross-India route, and the routes from the north-west and south west of India.

Quicker Transport.

In his opinion, if a regular weekly service could be provided from Europe or Egypt to Karachi, the extensions from Karachi to Delhi and Bombay would be of great value for the carriage of mail and passengers. Even with a weekly service only from Egypt a saving of seven days in transit between London and Karachi could be effected, and with the extensions to Delhi and Bombay there would be a further saving of six days in the former case and four days in the latter.

These steps would have to be taken before the people of India could be asked to come forward with the necessary capital.

Colonel Sheldermine considered that the first essential was ground organisation—the establishment of aerodromes, with the necessary equipment such as hangars, workshops, emergency landing grounds at suitable distances along all the routes, wireless and meteorological services, and lastly, the lighting of the routes for night-flying.

Preliminary Organization.

The preliminary was already in hand, but the services could not be started until efficient ground organisation had been provided, which involved considerable expenditure.

India to-day was more backward in matters of aviation than any other nation, and she should spend more. But while the ground organisation was being prepared, much could be done to advance civil aviation in India, such as the recruitment and training of Indians to control flying operations, the bringing up-to-date of the flying legislation of India and the establishment of training centres.

As soon as a sufficient demand was created in India, the De Havilland Company would open a subsidiary factory, as had been done in Australia and Canada. Other manufacturers would follow suit and start the aircraft industry, resulting in the training and employment of Indians in all branches of manufacturing and operation.

SEA MYSTERY ARREST.

"CONRAD" STORY OF TWO DEATHS.

New York: A strange sea mystery was revealed when the American four-masted schooner Kingsway arrived in New York with a cargo of cocoa beans from the African Gold Coast, and a negro cook, named Earl Battice, was arrested by the New York police in connexion with the death of Lucille, his Mulatto wife.

She was found with her throat cut aboard the Kingsway, after Battice had accused her of familiarity with a member of the crew.

Captain Laury, commander of the Kingsway, kept the woman alive for six days with a bandage of adhesive tape strapped round her throat. He made the cook a prisoner.

Fred Mortimer, the first mate, died later during the voyage and was buried at sea. He was the original of Jack London's character "Mr. Pike," in his story the "Mutiny of the Elsinore," and, according to Captain Laury, he showed jealousy of Captain Laury's authority after the captain had replaced the Kingsway's original commander, who was compelled to leave the flagship in consequence of illness. The authorities are making investigations.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1075 b.
Chartered Bank, \$20 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Mercantile C., \$131 n.
P. and O., \$93 b.
East Asia, \$68 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$590 s.
China Underwriters, \$150 n.
North China, \$143 n.
Union Ins., \$395 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$40 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$210 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$600 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$33 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$21 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$110 b.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trams, \$2/- n.
Star Ferries, \$14.60 b.
Waterboats, \$17 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$15 s.
Malabons, \$31 s.

Mining.

Benguets, \$170 n.
Kailans, \$9/- b.
Langkats, \$173 b.
Shai Exploration, \$15.3 b.
Shanghai Loans, \$15.6 b.
Raubs, \$4 b.
Tronohs, \$19/3 n.
Ural Caspians, \$1/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$113 1/2 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 n.
Hongkew, \$143 b.
New Engineering, \$15.4 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$12.92 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$1 n.
H. K. Lands, \$55 1/2 b.
Realtys, \$6 s.
Territorials, \$14 s.
Humphreys, \$12 1/2 b.
Princes Bldg, \$95 b.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$15.785 b.
Orientals, \$15.50 b.
Shai Cottons, \$147 b.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$15.7 n.
Tramways, \$20 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Singapore Trams, \$12/6 b.
Taxis, \$1 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$7 s.
China Lights, \$12 1/2 n.
China Prov., \$4 n.
Constructions, \$17 s.
Dairy Farms, \$15.20 b.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$53 s.
Macao Electric, \$37 b.
Ropes (Old), \$10 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 n.
Sinceres, \$3 n.
United Abestos, \$12 s.
Watsons, \$11 n.
Powells, \$5 s.
Telephone, \$3.70 s.

"TELEGRAPH" FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY FOR EASY FORECASTS.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, September 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

Read the Rules below and follow them carefully:—

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1. All forecasts must be contained on coupons cut from the "Hongkong Telegraph," the name and address of the entrant to be plainly printed in block letters in ink.

2. All envelopes must be addressed to the "Hongkong Telegraph," 1/3, Wyndham Street, and marked "Football Competition" on the front, with sender's name (without address) on the back.

3. Any number of attempts may be sent in, but a separate coupon must be used for each attempt.

4. The prize of \$50 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in twelve correct forecasts on one coupon. If there is no correct forecast of all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be awarded to the competitor who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts on one coupon. In the event of more than one competitor forwarding an equal winning number of forecasts, the \$25 will be divided equally between such competitors. No competitor, however, will be entitled to more than one share of the prize.

5. All forecast coupons must reach the "Telegraph" office not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on Saturdays. Coupons received after that time will be disqualified.

6. The results of each week's Competition will be announced in the "Telegraph" of the Fridays following the dates on which the matches are played.

7. Competitors who have forwarded eight or more correct forecasts must send in claims for the prize. Envelopes containing such claims must be marked "Football Claim" and must reach this office not later than the Wednesday following the dates on which the matches are played, failing which they will not be considered.

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LOCAL BASEBALL.

BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES TO DATE.

The averages of the various teams engaged in the Baseball League, both in fielding and batting have been compiled and show an interesting position. The Japanese prove themselves the best at bat and share top places in fielding with the Dragons and Hongkong.

Individual batting averages show Figueiredo of the Club Recreio to be on top, with Y. Hachiuma of the Japanese and Noronha of the Recreio tied at two less points. Details follow:

Team Averages Batting.			
	P.	A.B.	Hits R. Aver.
Japanese	7	248	60 90 0.23
Filipino	8	255	58 78 0.23
H.K. B.B.C.	8	238	49 63 0.21
C. de Recreio	7	209	41 66 0.20
Dragon	7	193	36 51 0.19
Tiger	7	138	17 21 0.12

Team Averages (Fielding).			
	P.	Er.	A.S. P.O. Aver.
Dragon	7	46	73 151 0.83
Japanese	7	48	84 144 0.85
H.K. B.B.C.	8	49	69 162 0.83
C. de Recreio	7	44	57 121 0.80
Filipino	8	64	89 166 0.80
Tiger	7	94	71 107 0.65

Individual Batting.			
	P.	A.B.	Hits R. Aver.
Figueiredo (Re)	7	15	7 8 0.47
Y. Hachiuma (J)	7	31	14 13 0.45
Noronha (Re)	5	11	5 3 0.45
T. Leonard (F)	8	29	10 13 0.35
McArdle (H.K.)	5	17	6 5 0.35
Cosano (Re)	5	17	6 5 0.35
Murata (J)	7	30	10 16 0.33
Zafra (F)	7	24	8 9 0.33
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Takatomi (J)	7	22	7 8 0.32
S. L. Lee (Dra)	7	19	6 11 0.32
Safie (J)	7	27	8 5 0.30

Best 12 having played five or more than five games.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

FLAT CHESTS DO NOT PROVE WEAK LUNGS.

QUESTION OF SHAPE.

It has long been the common impression that the flat-chested person is the one likely to have tuberculosis and that persons with large, round chests have a fine set of lungs.

Recently, physicians in the University of Minnesota School of Medicine have made measurements of persons with tuberculosis, of normal adults, of normal children, and of children and adults with various complaints of the chest to determine the chest conformation associated with various diseases. As a result of these observations, it is concluded that the flat-chest is apparently the healthy chest, and that the round or deep chest is probably so conformed because it has not developed properly from the infantile condition.

The vital capacity, which represents the number of cubic inches of air that a person can forcibly expire after a full inspiration is more than 50 per cent. larger in flat-chested persons than in those having a round, tuberculous chest. The vital lung capacity of normal students varied from 2450 to 6200 cubic centimeters, with an average of 4340, whereas that of tuberculous patients varied from 800 to 4300 c.c. with an average of 2650.

The round chest type is probably more prone to tuberculosis. Fortunately, it may be avoided by encouraging children to participate in sports, gymnastics and games, especially those that will aid the proper development of the chest.

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FRACAS ON SHIP.

LAWYER'S PLEA ON BEHALF OF GUARD.

Narlan Singh, an Indian ship's guard on the Charles Hardouin, who was charged before Major C. Wilson on Friday last with assaulting Sub-Inspector Nand Singh on board the ship, was again before the Magistrate yesterday afternoon. He was defended by Mr. M. K. Lo.

At a previous hearing, Mr. W. L. Bart Sparrow, A.S.P., stated that when the Inspector visited the ship, he found the guard in his cabin with a Chinese boy. The Inspector intervened and the boy ran away, but the guard became infuriated and assaulted the Inspector. A struggle for the Inspector's revolver ensued, which resulted in the weapon dropping on the floor and the cartridges were strewn all over the guard's room. It was not until a sergeant of the guards arrived that the defendant was overpowered and put under arrest.

Addressing the Magistrate yesterday afternoon, Mr. M. K. Lo said: "Mr. Sparrow made an opening statement, your Worship, as to what the prosecution was alleged to be in this case. In view of the course which I am going to take, that is, enter a plea of guilty, I would ask your Worship to hear a statement which the defendant had made.

According to the defendant at that time there was no question of a boy being in the room at all. He was asleep in a chair and the first thing he knew was that the Inspector hooked him with a stick, cutting his lip. Defendant then said "You can report me for sleeping on duty, but you have no right to hit me." The Inspector then kicked the defendant, who ran away. It was then that the Inspector drew his revolver and said that if the latter did not stop that he would be shot at. This threat was accompanied by language and the defendant would say that the Inspector swore at him.

Getting nervous and fearing that the Inspector might let off his revolver, the defendant suddenly seized the weapon. It was at that moment that the sergeant came to the scene, and the defendant was arrested.

On this issue, I realize, as the defendant's adviser, that if your Worship believed his story in its entirety he would get off, but on the other hand your Worship might take a different view and send him to gaol without the option. Under the circumstances, I asked the Captain Superintendent of Police whether if the defendant were to plead guilty to common assault the C. S. P. would be prepared to join in my application not to send the defendant to gaol but to impose a fine. I understand it is in the C. S. P.'s view a serious matter, but in view of the plea of guilty he would certainly ask your Worship not to send him to gaol, provided that, whatever happens, defendant leaves the Colony.

Agrees to Leave.
That agreement has been reached by the defendant who agrees to leave within a month. In addition to a plea of guilty I am instructed to tender an expression of regret, that irrespective of who was at fault, defendant as a guard should never have struck an Inspector.

The only question now is the fine. I hope your Worship will not think I am presuming, but if your Worship should accede to the application to treat this as an assault case then, I will ask your Worship to say that although the assault was serious the defendant's punishment is severe.

Every Indian in Hongkong is more or less a money lender and I am sure

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM WILSON & KOWLOON DOCK.

(To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—Sincere sorrow must be felt by many on the passing recently of our old friend Mr. Wilson, for some 25 years in the employ of the Dock Company. I first met Mr. Wilson 37 years ago when he was foreman of the engine shop at Kowloon Docks. For many years thereafter I was in frequent touch with him and the docks in respect of work to the vessel of which I was engineer, and I think no man and no establishment could have more efficiently dealt with the work, or indeed with any and all work with which they were faced. There being then neither the present Naval Dock or Talkoo Dockyard, His Majesty's ships, the warships of other nations and all mercantile vessels were docked and overhauled by the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., thus entailing at times a very great strain upon the Company's staff. It was often a matter of continuous day and night pressure of work to the limit, and which perhaps only those who have experienced such continuous strain and responsibility can appreciate.

Any of the staff, also, were liable to be called out at midnight or in the early hours, after their hard day's work, to attend urgent and unexpected difficulties on vessels due for sailing, and I have known Mr. Wilson respond often to such calls, and always cheerfully and energetically.

Mr. Wilson was remarkable for his thorough knowledge as a practical engineer, for his strong grasp of and energetic personal attention to every detail of the work in hand; for his intense self-respect and absolute control of staff and workmen. He never spared himself and tolerated no slackness in others. A powerful man of over six feet in height, he was fearless in saying and doing the right, without fear of favour, but was kind hearted, considerate, and just withal. Many such kindly experiences of Mr. Wilson and of the Docks occur to me as I write these lines.

The son of a Scottish blacksmith, but with the foregoing qualities and early training, Mr. Wilson rose to be Acting Chief Manager of the Dock Company before his retirement some 16 years ago. His heart and sympathy were with the Dock Company and his old associates and his men to the last, when he passed away at his home at Kilmacolin, Scotland, and one of his treasured possessions was a group photo of the Chinese foremen with whom he had worked so long and so well, and with which they had presented him.

Kowloon Dockyard is improved and developed almost out of recognition by the present management, but I would pay a tribute of highest esteem and admiration, and raise my hat, to one of those outstanding figures of absolutely fearless and honest efficiency who, in the foregoing circumstances, bore the early heat and burden of the day at Kowloon Docks.—Yours, etc.,
W. S. BAILEY.

defendant is one of them. His future also is not certain. For a momentary struggle, what will happen to defendant is sufficient punishment. I therefore hope that your Worship would inflict a fine which defendant would be in a position to pay.

Guards have to take no oath on entering service for the Crown. Supposing this guard had been a constable, your Worship would not only

THE COAL CASES.

TWO JUNK MASTERS ACQUITTED.

The Admiralty prosecutions in respect of two quantities of coal which were found on board two junks on the completion of unloading operations on August 20 were concluded before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday when the two defendants were acquitted.

The first of the two defendants was charged with larceny of 3,375 pounds of Welsh coal with the alternative charge of receiving stolen property, while the second master was charged in respect of 1,600 pounds.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask defended, and intimated yesterday that his defence would be that the detective boarded the junk which the coal was in the process of being removed.

The first defendant in evidence said that he had been master of his junk for five years. Some of the boards at the bottom were old and broken. Witness had only conveyed coal to the Naval Yard on one occasion.

It was customary after all the coal was unloaded by the coolies to see that there was none under the bottom boards. If any part of a consignment had fallen between the cracks the crew would be ordered to take such coal to the sheds after which the store-keeper would inspect the junk and issue a receipt for the coal.

Continuing witness said that there was always a lot of coal falling under the boards. On the day in question witness was in the act of taking the coal from under the boards to the sheds. They had not finished when the detective boarded and therefore the store-keeper had not inspected the junk.

Corroborative evidence was given by a member of the crew.

The second defendant made a similar statement from the witness box and after the Court had visited the junks, the defendants were found not guilty and discharged.

have a charge for assault but also for misconduct or, may be, insubordination. I want your Worship to bear in mind that we have expressed our regret and I personally agree that there must be an Inspector to control these guards. All I want to say is that your Worship should not be unduly influenced by the attitude of the defendant towards the Inspector, as it must be remembered that they are not members of the police force. I ask your Worship not to impose a fine other than what you would have done in any ordinary case.

A Private Person.
The Captain Superintendent of Police: "Defendant is in the position of being a member of the public charged with assaulting a police officer. Under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, the C. S. P. supplies guards and any action taken before a Magistrate would come under the Ordinance. In this case it is an assault on the police by a private person."

At the request of the Magistrate Mr. Wolfe handed up defendant's record which showed that he had been employed since 1915 as a guard. He had ten reports against him, which Mr. Wolfe described as "not too bad."

The Magistrate to Mr. Wolfe: Do you agree with Mr. Lo in regard to extenuating circumstances?

Mr. Wolfe: In view of Mr. Lo's undertaking, I am not pressing for imprisonment.

Mr. Lo: I am willing to give that undertaking before any authority.

Mr. Wolfe: If he fails to leave the Colony, we can put him up for deportation in the ordinary course. Major Wilson then inflicted a fine of \$100.



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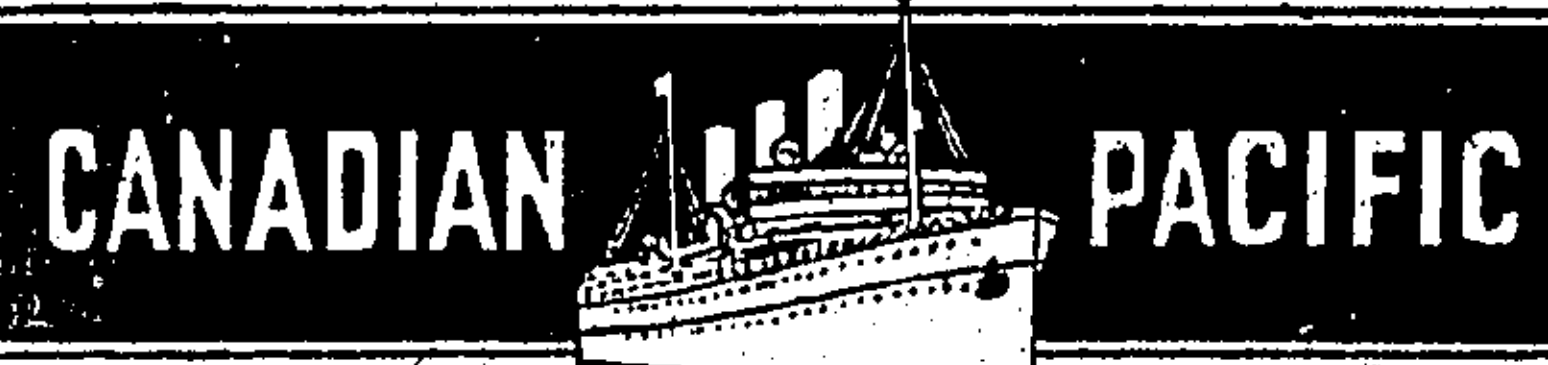
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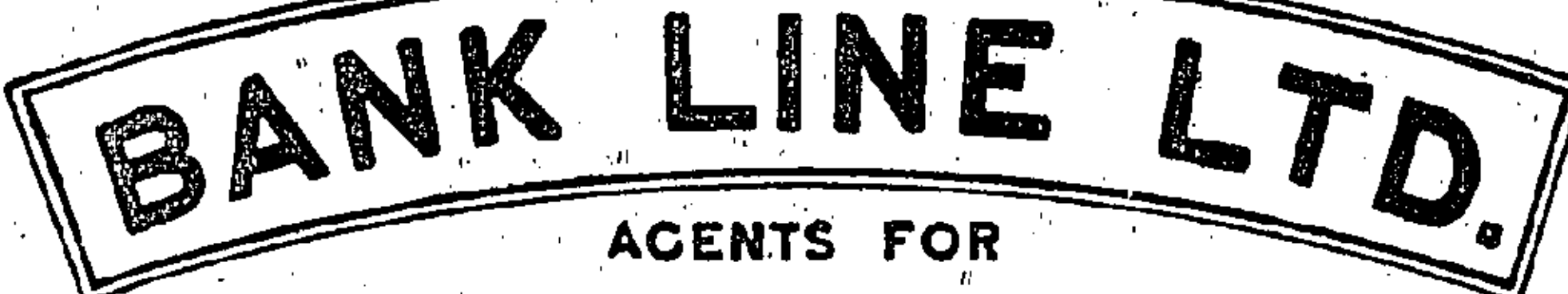
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WANG CHING-WEI'S
PLEDGE.

TO REUNITE THE
KUOMINTANG.

Shanghai, Sept. 8.
That his present visit to Nanking
is prompted by a sincere desire to
atone for his share in the "unfor-
tunate" mistake which led to the
party's disruption, was the gist of
a speech made by Mr. Wang Ching-
wei at a dinner on September 6 at
Nanking.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei gave a
pledge that he would try his best
to facilitate the successful reunion
of Nanking and Hankow, after
which he would resign the chair-
manship of the Kuomintang.

Tax Abolition Law.

The Nationalist Government an-
nounces a law for the abolition of
the transit dues, tariff law, and ex-
cise tax, the law to be operative only
in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, as
from September 1, and temporarily
not to be effective in Kiangsu, An-
hui, Fukien, and Chekiang, until
all preparations are completed.—
Reuter.

SOUTHERN ADVANCE.

Further Successes.

Shanghai, Sept. 9.
The 2nd Battalion of 1st divi-
sion, 14th Army captured Tai Ling
yesterday following their advance
from Chinghsiang, and by evening
the Nationalists had reached Tai-
chow. Sun Chuan-fang's troops
have been withdrawn to Hingfa and
the remnants at Sui Pak were dis-
armed.

The 18th Army, following their
enemy's track, have advanced as
far as Konyu. Part of the Nation-
alist force has been sent to Kwa-
chow and Chinghsiang to clear out
the remaining Sun Chuan-fang
troops there.—Nam Chuang Pao.

LIVERPOOL AS AN
AIR-PORT.

ATLANTIC PASSENGERS' NEW
FACILITIES.

London, Sept. 8.
Sir Sefton Branker has inspec-
ted suitable landing areas on the
outskirts of Liverpool, which it is
proposed to make an airport.
The Air Ministry is stated to be
favourable to making Liverpool a
halfway air-port between London
and Scotland, and London and Ire-
land.

Imperial Airways are similarly
inclined, and several continental air
line companies are willing to make
experiments in conveying Atlantic
passengers between Liverpool and
the Continent.—British Wireless.

RUBBER SHARES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been
advised of the following dividends
on rubber shares:—
Teluk Anson 5% Interim on
both fully and partly paid shares.
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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

APPROACHES TO AMOY.

The following notice to mariners
has been issued by the local au-
thorities under to-day's date:

It is notified for information
that Chapel Island Light was
reported not burning at 8 p.m. on
September 8, the authority being
the master of the s.s. Himrod.

STOP PRESS.

WUHAN-NANKING
FRICTION.

Shanghai, Sept. 9.
Messrs. Wang Ching-wei,
Hsu Chien, and General Chu
Pei-teh are arriving at
Shanghai this afternoon,
where they are meeting Mr.
Sun Fo and General Tan Yan-
kai.

It is understood that these
Wuhan leaders will endeavour
to effect a reconciliation with
Messrs. Hu Han-min, Chang
Ching-chang, Wu Tsz-wei,
Tsai Yuan-pai, (who left the
Nanking Government with
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek),
preparatory to the Nanking
conference on September 15.

It is probable that Wang,
Ching-wei will proceed to
Fenghua to see Chiang Kai-
shek.

In connexion with the con-
ference, it is understood that
the Wuhan officials are
demanding the portfolios of
Foreign Affairs, Finance, and
Communications for their
nominees, which will give
them practical control of the
new Nationalist Government,
which is expected to be
announced after the con-
ference. These demands are
already causing friction
between Wuhan and Nanking,
while it is understood that
General Tang Seng-chi is
unwilling to place his armies
under the control of the Nan-
king Government.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIRMAN MISSING.



Captain Terry D. Tully (on the right) is overdue at
London, where he was expected yesterday in a non-stop flight
from Ontario. He was accompanied by a navigator named
Medcraft. On the left is Capt. W. Ray Maxwell, who was
originally to have accompanied Capt. Tully.

SEQUEL TO SEA
TRAGEDY.

CHARGE AGAINST CARDIFF
SHIPOWNER.

AN "UNWORTHY SHIP."

At Cardiff Police Court in mail
week Watkin James Williams (46),
a shipowner, appeared to answer
a charge that he was a party to
sending unlawfully the steamship
Eastway, being a British ship reg-
istered at the port of Cardiff,
from Norfolk (Virginia) to sea
in such an unworthy state that
the lives of the master and crew
were likely to be thereby en-
dangered.

Mr. Alan Pratt, prosecuting, in-
formed the Bench that as accused
was only arrested yesterday, he
was not in a position to proceed
with the case. He suggested a
remand until September 7.

Mr. Pratt went on to explain
that accused was one of the
managing directors of the St.
Mary Steamship Company, of
Cardiff, they being the owners of
the steamer known as the East-
way, and accused was registered
manager of the vessel.

In October of last year the
steamer was under charter to
carry a cargo of coal from Nor-
folk (Virginia) to Pernambuco,
and evidence, he said, would be
brought at a later stage to show
that when the steamer left Nor-
folk she was seriously overladen,
and in such a condition as to ren-
der her unsafe for the lives of
those on board.

The steamer left on October 15
and on October 22 she foundered.

"A Complete Answer."

Evidence would further be
forthcoming as to the instructions
given by the accused to the master
of the vessel, the instructions,
which, according to the prosecu-
tion, could only be complied with
by the vessel being over-loaded,
and it was under these circum-
stances that the prosecution
alleged prisoner was a party to
the vessel having gone to sea in
such an unworthy state.

A serious part of the case was
that the loss of the Eastway was
unfortunately attended with a loss
of life. The whole of the officers
were lost, and in all 23 persons
were drowned. He could imagine
no more terrible retrospect than
that the conduct of the prisoner
should have to be the subject of an
inquiry in that Court.

Mr. Norman Ingledew, who de-
fended, agreed a remand, and said
he had a complete answer to the
charge. Williams was remanded
until September 7, in his own re-
cognisances of £500 and one sure-
ty of a like amount.

Mr. Watkin James Williams
before the war was a boatman
and dock hobbler at Port Talbot
Docks. He went to Cardiff in
1915, and made a fortune in the
shipping industry during the war.
Afterwards he became a race-
horse owner, and for one of his
8000 gns. as a yearling.

Mr. Williams was the principal
witness at the recent inquiry into
the loss of the vessel before the
Cardiff Stipendiary and nautical
assessors.

COLOMBO COOLIES ON
STRIKE.

SHIP DELAYED TEN HOURS.

Colombo, Sept. 8.
A lightning strike of 300 cooli-
es broke out this morning,
the cause being stated to be a
grievance on the part of the coolies
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